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Re: 2011 Recipient Words Make People Literary Excellence & Scholarship Award

Dear Friends: Greetings of Peace.

Thank you for supporting the 2011 Words Make People (WMP) Literary Excellence & Scholarship award established in honor of Imam W. Deen Mohammed (ra). The award is a certificate of achievement and scholarship presented to a deserving college or high school student who has demonstrated throughout his or her coursework, professional or extracurricular activities, the highest standard of excellence in written communication including creative writing, critical thought, research and analysis, exposition, or journalism.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee and FAMACO Publishers, I am pleased to inform you that this year's recipient is Mrs. Zahrah Tahsiyn Bashir, a rising sophomore at Annandale-on-Hudson, NY's Bard College.

In brief, Sister Bashir just completed her freshman year with a G.P.A. of 3.39 on a 4.0 scale with dual majors in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies. Her courses include Arabic language in preparation for her desired Master's in Linguistics. She is President of Bard College Muslim Student Association and the 2010 Posse Scholarship recipient from Imam W. Deen Mohammed High School in Atlanta, Georgia where she graduated with honors as class valedictorian. She, along with her husband, made history as the first students to marry while attending W. Deen Mohammed High. In short, this year's recipient typifies the faith-based scholarship, leadership, and character excellence the WMP Scholarship seeks to recognize, support, and inspire in our future leaders.

Sister Bashir was in attendance at Community Life Forward (CLF), Atlanta this past weekend and was congratulated publicly. Thank you to Imam Saafir Rabb II, Imam Makram El Amin, Imam Mansoor Sabree and the entire CLF planning team for providing the perfect venue to share the wonderful news of Sister Bashir's achievements. This year's award includes a Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500* and Certificate of Achievement, plus the following congratulatory gifts:

- The Noble Qur'an, courtesy of FAMACO Publishers (FPLLC).
- Applying the Teachings of Imam W. Deen Mohammed I, II (autographed), courtesy of Mubaashir Uqdah Enterprises.
- Justice For Her and CHOICEZ (A Memoir), courtesy of Aginah Carter-Shabazz.
- Genesis of New American Leadership (autographed), courtesy of Qalam Books – FPLLC.
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- The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, The Man Behind The Men (autographed), courtesy of Mikal Saahir, Words Make People Publishing.
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A full press release will follow acknowledging all who helped support and make this effort possible. May G-d continue blessing Sister Bashir and her family with success and bless all the Believers.

Peace be upon you.



Mukhtar Muhammad
Chair, WMP National Scholarship Committee
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*Based on American Institute of Philanthropy standards, the Words Make People Scholarship operated at an impressive 96.9%+ efficiency with the remaining portion of contributions (\$46.53) allocated for transaction fees and donations to the nonprofit administering the financial accounting.