

Universal School
In Pursuit Of Spiritual & Academic Excellence

Financial Aid Form

Date: _____

Financial Aid Form must be submitted with proof of income (Tax Return), otherwise the form will be considered incomplete, and it will not be reviewed. You must qualify for Part I to receive Financial Aid.

I. Financial Aid Allocation

I am eligible to receive Zakat

(All funds for Financial Aid come from Zakat)

II. Student Information

Father

Mother

Parent's Name: _____

Employment Address: _____

Employment Telephone: _____

Child(ren) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

III. Income Information

Parent 1 income: _____

Parent 2 income: _____

Additional Earnings (S.S. alimony) _____

Total household income: _____

Please provide the school with a copy of your Income Tax Return

Are you self-employed? Y N

Are you exempt from filing? Y N

Are you currently receiving any government assistance? Y N

Are you receiving any child support? Y N

How much: _____ Monthly

How many total members in household (including yourself)? _____

IV. Multiple Children

Do you have more than one child applying to our school? Y N

If so, how many children will be attending? _____

Has your income changed since your last W-2 statement? Y N

If so, please explain _____

Have you applied to The Bison Fund? Y N Do you currently receive Bison Fund? Y N

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Do not fill out	
Financial Aid Status	
Approved	Denied
Amount Awarded	
1 st Child \$	_____
2 nd Child \$	_____
3 rd Child \$	_____
Additional discounts	

Total Aid:	

Income \$ _____	
1040 _____ Other _____	
Parent Involvement: Y N	
Board Official Signature	

Date Received: _____

For everyone who is applying for financial aid please read the information below, sign and date it.

The Recipients of Zakat

There are eight categories of people to whom Zakat can be distributed. These have been identified as:

1. **Al-Fuqara: The Poor**

According to the majority of jurists, the poor are those who do not have any assets and have no means by which they can earn their living. However, the Hanafi jurists defined the poor as those who have money lesser than the amount on which Zakat is payable. The poor are worse than the needy in regard to satisfying their basic needs. However, some scholars hold the opposite view.

2. **Al-Masakin: The Needy**

According to the majority of jurists, the needy are the people whose earnings do not cover their basic needs. However, the Hanifi jurists identified them as 'those who have no earnings at all'.

3. **Al-'Amilina 'Alayha: Administrators of Zakat**

Not applicable

4. **Al-Mu'allafate-Qulubuhum: Reconciliation of Hearts**

Not applicable

5. **Fir-Riqab: For those in Bondage**

Not applicable

6. **Al-Gharimin: Those in Debt**

Zakat may be used to pay off debts, so long as these debts were not incurred in an act contrary to Islamic law. This is immediate debt , not long term house/school/car debt etc.

7. **Fi-Sabilillah: In the Cause of Allah**

Not applicable

8. **Ibnas-Sabil: The Wayfarer**

Not applicable

THE MANNER OF DISTRIBUTING ZAKAT

The Zakat giver is freed from its obligation as soon as he grants full ownership and possession of it to any of the above-mentioned categories. This can be done either by giving a certain amount of money to meet his basic requirements or by giving him a means of production or tools of trade to help him in becoming self-empowered.

TO WHOM CAN ZAKAT NOT BE GIVEN?

Muslim jurists agreed that Zakat cannot be given to the following people:

- 1) The rich - rich meaning they have the nisab value (see current)
- 2) Those capable but not willing to work.
- 3) Disbelievers
- 4) Ascendants, descendants and wives of the prophet .

The proceeds of Zakat at the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) was in most cases distributed immediately after collection, as reported by many workers who often said that they used to come back from their Zakat missions empty handed, the way they started their journeys, since everything collected used to be distributed on the spot.

I have read the document in its entirety, and I am eligible to receive Zakat.

Print Name

Date

Signature