

Tibra Awards highlight the success of Libyan young women, recognize their excellence, and help them grow as contributors and future leaders of our community. The Awards Program enables the community to support our young bright stars and take pride in their success.

The Tibra Awards program is funded by donations from members and friends of the Libyan community.

Objectives of Tibra Awards

1. Highlight the achievements of Libyan young women and acknowledge their excellence
2. Inspire Libyan young women to reach for higher standards, raise their ambitions, and help them pursue their hopes and dreams
3. Invest community support to retain leading young women as active contributors
4. Help young achievers grow into reliable leaders
5. Establish an annual celebration of community pride in Libyan women

Awards for 2003

Tibra Scholarship for exemplary Libyan young women. \$1000 to be used in furthering education. Payment will be applied toward tuition and fees at the recipient's university, or toward other educational resources.

Fijra Scholarship for exemplary Libyan young women. \$500 to be used in furthering education. Payment will be applied toward tuition and fees at the recipient's university, or toward other educational resources.

Tibra Achievement Award. An honorary certificate to recognize young achievers.

Deadlines

1. February 1, 2003: Nomination deadline
2. May 1, 2003: Announcement of the final results

Eligibility

Nominees must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Women of Libyan descent
2. In their final year of high school or equivalent
3. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, 75% or equivalent
4. Have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas:
 - a) Academics
 - b) Leadership and community service
 - c) Arts, literature or athletics

Requirements:

1. A completed nomination form.
2. A completed parent/guardian approval.
3. Nomination letter. The nomination letter is very important in providing the judges with a meaningful summary of the nominee's credentials. The nominator can be a family member, friend, teacher or any person who knows the nominee and believes she qualifies for the Tibra Awards. The nomination letter should help the judges appreciate the value of the nominee's credentials.
4. A personal statement by the nominee, which might be ultimately published on the Tibra web site.
5. Two verifiable references. Letters written by a teacher, coach, supervisor, etc., but not family members.
6. Supporting documents. Copies of the documents listed below must be submitted with the nomination form.
 - a) Current academic transcript
 - b) Certificate of scores on SAT/ACT or similar standardized tests
 - c) Letters or certificates of recognition, honors and awards
 - d) Documentation of other nominee credentials.
7. A resumé of the nominee (**optional**)
8. A photo of the nominee that might be published (**optional**)

It is the responsibility of the nominee and nominator to put the nomination package together and submit it to Tibra Foundation before the deadline.

A nomination package is not considered complete if any of the above requirements is missing. Only complete packages of eligible nominees will be processed.

Tibra Judges:

1. University educators from the Libyan community
2. Judges donate their time and expertise to the Tibra Awards program
3. Five judges are appointed to participate in the selection process
4. Qualified candidates may volunteer by contacting Tibra Foundation

Rules and Regulations

1. Nominees must meet all the requirements to qualify for the Tibra Awards.
2. It is the responsibility of the nominee and nominator to put the nomination package together and submit it to Tibra Foundation.
3. Nomination packages must be completed and received by the specified deadline.
4. Incomplete packages are not qualified for consideration and will not be processed.
5. Names of Tibra Judges are made public with the final results and not before.
6. Judges must withdraw if there is a conflict of interest such as direct relation to one of the nominees.
7. Tibra Judges keep their participation confidential, not share it with the public or the nominees until the announcement of the final results.
8. All judges' questions and queries, related to the nominees or the selection process, are directed to Tibra Team.

Selection Process:

1. Five judges are appointed by Tibra Foundation to serve as Tibra Judges
2. Tibra Foundation seeks verification of information provided in each nomination package by contacting parents, schools, nominators, references, etc.
3. Up to five finalists will be selected from the pool of nominees based on their credentials
4. Nomination packages of the finalists are sent to the judges on March 1, 2003
5. Each judge reviews and ranks the finalist nominees independently
6. Judges submit their rankings and reviews to Tibra Team by March 21, 2003
7. Tibra Team puts together the judges' rankings and reviews and determines the Scholarships recipients
8. Tibra Scholarship (\$1000) recipient is the finalist with the highest overall ranking
9. Fijra Scholarship (\$500) recipient is the finalist with the second-highest overall ranking
10. All finalists receive the Tibra Achievement Award
11. The finalists' profiles are published with the announcement of the results on May 1, 2003
12. Tibra judges' names and biographical sketches are published along with the results

13. All Scholarships and Awards certificates are sent to the finalists by mail
14. Recipients of Tibra and Fijra scholarships are contacted by Tibra Foundation and payment arrangements will be made

Join Tibra!

Here is how you can be part of Tibra:

Donate Money! Any amount makes a difference. Donate by one of the following methods:

Make a check or money order
payable to Tibra Foundation, and send to
Tibra Foundation
P.O. Box 2344
Westerville, OH 43086
USA

OR Wire transfer to
Bank Name: Bank One, NA
Routing Number: 044000037
Account Number: 632628467
Account Name: Hana Naas

Wire transfers do not necessarily include the sender's name. Unless you want your identity to remain anonymous, please include your name in the wire transfer instructions or let us know by sending us an e-mail. If possible, we would like to be able to send you our thanks and official acknowledgement.

Nominate candidates! Help us recognize the bright stars of our community. Take part in future Tibra Awards by nominating or providing a lead to a candidate.

Volunteer as a judge! University educators from the Libyan community are encouraged to volunteer as Tibra judges for future Tibra Awards.

Contribute ideas! Suggest projects for Tibra and ways of improvement.

Spread the word! Help us reach more members and friends of the Libyan community. Tell your family and friends about the program and give them the web site address.