



University of Idaho
International Programs Office

Ismat Ara & Dr. Abdul Mannan Sheikh Memorial Book Scholarship

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This scholarship was established in Ismat Ara & Dr. Abdul-Mannan Sheikh's memory by their family to annually assist two deserving international students from any nation to purchase text or reference books.

Ismat Ara Sheikh was born in 1944 in Amritsar, British India. She was reared in Lahore, Pakistan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and political science from the University of the Punjab. In 1971, Ismat married her husband, Dr. Abdul-Mannan Sheikh, and moved to Moscow, Idaho. The couple had two daughters, Amtul and Zahrah, and one son, Mahmood.

During the years Ismat lived in Moscow, she was actively involved in many community activities. In particular, she was a special friend and mentor to the international community of Moscow. As just one example of her efforts, for many years she single-handedly prepared an annual Thanksgiving dinner for more than 100 families and friends from many nations. Ismat passed away in March, 1997, after an 8-month battle with cancer.

Abdul-Mannan was born in 1936 in Delhi, British India. Raised in Karachi, Pakistan, he earned a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of the Karachi. In 1966, he came to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship to further his education. With a Masters Degree from the University of Arizona and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Idaho, he settled in Moscow and ran the Greyhound Bus Station for over 15 years. Following the Greyhound Bus Station, Abdul Mannan served as owner and operator of ABC Charters and Tours as well as was a property owner.

Throughout his time in Moscow, he was an avid civic leader serving as President of the Paradise Lion's Club and the Latah County United Way. Other civic projects included the Muslim Community of the Palouse, the Mountainview 4-H Club, the Latah County Interfaith Community, Kiwanis Club, Vandal Boosters, Inc. and many others. Abdul-Mannan passed away in August 2001 due to complications associated with diabetes.

A committee composed of members of the Sheikh family or their designees will review the applications. The recipients will be announced at the Awards Ceremony Friday night of UI Mom's Weekend in April (date changes yearly)