



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WOMEN AND ISLAMIC CULTURES Muslim Women's Organizations in the U.S.

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- ❖ The Muslim Women's Association of Washington D.C. was formed in 1960 by Mrs. Begum Shereen Aziz Ahmed. The organization seeks to provide and promote access to education to underprivileged Muslim women in the United States, and has supported more than 100 young Muslim women in their pursuit of higher education since its founding.¹
- ❖ Founded in 1993, KARAMAH, or the Muslim Women Lawyers Association for Human Rights, is a non-profit organization based in the United States that works to "transform [the] archaic" perception of women in Islam towards the gender-equitable foundation of Islam in order to empower Muslim women and their communities.²
- ❖ The American Muslim Women's Association of Arizona was founded in 1997 as a non-profit charitable organization that seeks to promote a positive image of Islam, improve the economic conditions of Muslim women, and provide financial support for Muslim women attending educational institutions.³
- ❖ Formed in Los Angeles in 1999, the Muslim Women's League seeks to educate the American public on the status of women in Islam, and actively organizes grass-roots organizations to promote a perspective on women in Islam that is different from what is commonly understood by the American public.⁴
- ❖ The American Muslim Women's Association was formed following the September 11th attacks, after which Muslims, especially Muslim women, were subject to much scrutiny. Based in New York City, this group of highly educated Muslim women sought to explain the religion, the freedoms it grants, and the peace that it promotes.⁵
- ❖ The Texas Muslim Women's Foundation was founded in 2005, in order to promote peace and empower Muslim women in their homes and in their communities, providing support for victims of violence and leadership training for young Muslim women.⁶
- ❖ The American Muslim Women Physicians Association (AMWPA) is a non-profit charity organization formally structured in 2008 for the purpose of improving women's health, while providing a platform for Muslim physicians to address issues pertaining to community welfare.⁷

¹ <http://mwawashingtondc.org/about-us/>

² <http://karamah.org/about/vision-and-mission>

³ <http://www.amwaaz.org/index.php/about-us>

⁴ <http://www.mwlusa.org/about/about.html>

⁵ <http://amwa.us/about-us/>

⁶ <http://tmwf.org/overview/>

⁷ <http://amwpa.org/>