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FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Originally from Turkey, Aziz (retired officer from Turkish air force) and Nilgün Sezginiş were drawn to Toledo area to be close to the family in 1987. They quickly became active members of the Islamic Center, enrolling their children in the Weekend School program.

Right after they were married in 1976, Aziz went back to school and earned his second degree in business/marketing from University of Texas in San Antonio, while he was working at Braniff Airlines and raising family. Nilgün earned her bachelor’s degree in healthcare administration and masters in public health, only returning to school after raising her children and seeing each on his way into his profession. Volkan earned his bachelor’s in electrical engineering from the University of Toledo and Aral was awarded his MD from the Ohio State University and specialized and board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and joined a practice in Texas. Alkan is currently enrolled at Ohio State University’s dental school program. It is obvious that Aziz and Nilgün hold education near and dear to their hearts and have instilled that same significance in their sons.

The Sezginiş Family has generously funded a $200 annual scholarship in memory and honor of Nilgün’s mother, Müzeyyen Yaprağigür, who lived near them for 30 years prior to her death in 2009.

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This scholarship is available to a Muslim high school graduate attending college or university in the greater Toledo area (specifically: UT, Owens Community College, BGSU, Lourdes College, Mercy College of Nursing). The scholarship is GPA-based (minimum of 3.5 GPA) with a preference to a student with financial needs. The student must meet all other requirements set by the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee.