



ETHIOPIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE (EMAS)

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Imam Position Description

Job Title: Imam
Hiring by: Imam Taskforce
Reports to: The President

Job Overview:

The Imam plays a crucial role as a spiritual leader, guiding and supporting the community within the Masjid. Responsible for leading prayers, delivering sermons, and providing religious education, the Imam fosters a sense of unity and spiritual growth within the congregation.

Required Qualification

Education:

The Imam must possess the following education qualification.

1. Hold a degree in Islamic studies or equivalent from a recognized institution.
2. Hafiz and ability to recite the Quran and mastery of Tajwid rules to ensure correct recitation of the Qur'an and teach it to community members.
3. Possess strong knowledge of understanding the Quran, Hadith, and Islamic jurisprudence.
4. Excellent communication skills, with the ability to articulate religious teachings clearly and effectively.
5. Hold the beliefs of Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah.
6. Proficient in Arabic and English; knowledge of additional languages is a plus.
7. Previous experience as an Imam or religious leader is preferred.

Work Experience

The Imam must have the following work experiences:

1. At least five years as Imam or in a capacity involved in building Muslim communities.
2. Teaching and presenting the Hadith and the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) (وسلم عليه هلا صلى).
3. Interpersonal communication, public relations, and working with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
4. Interacting with youth and understand their challenges while living in a non-Muslim environment.
5. Teaching and providing religious advice to women, youth, and the elderly.
6. Da'wah relations and presenting Islam to people of other faiths.
7. Provide Religious advice related to Family Matters.

Imam's Key Responsibilities:

1. Spiritual Leadership:

- Lead daily prayers, including the five obligatory prayers, Jumu'ah (Friday) prayers, and other special congregational prayers.
- Deliver sermons (Khutbahs) during Jumu'ah and other relevant occasions, addressing moral, ethical, and religious topics to inspire and guide the community.

2. Religious Education:

- Conduct religious classes and study groups to educate the community on Islamic teachings, Quranic studies, and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- Provide counseling and spiritual guidance to individuals seeking advice on personal, family, or community matters.

3. Community Engagement:

- Foster a sense of community and inclusivity by engaging with congregants and addressing their concerns.
- Organize and participate in community events, educational seminars, and outreach programs to promote understanding and unity.

4. Interfaith Relations:

- Represent the Masjid in interfaith dialogues and community initiatives, promoting mutual respect and understanding among diverse religious groups.

5. Administrative Duties:

- Collaborate with the Masjid board and administration on organizational matters, fundraising, and community projects.
- Maintain records of marriage ceremonies, religious ceremonies, and other relevant activities conducted within the Masjid.

6. Crisis Management:

- Provide spiritual support and guidance during times of crisis, such as funerals, illness, or community emergencies.
- Collaborate with local authorities and organizations to address community needs and concerns.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume, cover letter, and references to info@emasseattle.org Applications will be accepted until officially closed the job position. The Masjid is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.