

MARRIAGE PROFILE:

“And wed the spouseless among you, and the righteous among your bondmen and maids. In case they are poor, Allah will enrich them of His Grace; and Allah is Ever- Embracing, Ever-Knowing.” [Surah An-Nur 24:32]

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PREREQUISITES:

The Bloomington Matrimonial Service conducts its practices based on the Qur'an and the sayings and traditions of Prophet Muhammad PBUH. Accordingly, marriage ceremonies are conducted between a man and a woman who will be able to acquire a civil marriage license.

Process:

Muslims seeking marriage may view (not take) the questionnaire (Marriage Profile) and download it from here then send it to imam@icob.org

This profile covers personal details, expectations of marriage, financial expectations, family information, expectations regarding children, religious expectations, intimacy expectations, and personal references.

You have our full Amanah. Any candidate's name, contact information, and personal references will **NOT** be shared without their prior knowledge.

If the candidate has a particular person in mind, that person will be asked if they are interested in marriage, and if so, both parties will have the option to fill out a questionnaire to determine compatibility. The initiating party can choose to reveal his/her identity. If both parties believe they're compatible, the matter will be handed off to either those parties or their representatives.

If a candidate doesn't have a particular person in mind but is seeking marriage, the profile will be examined and they will then be either matched with another candidate seeking marriage, or their profile will be filed until a compatible profile is available.

If a compatible profile is available, both candidates will be notified and able to review the other party's profile, with names redacted. If both parties feel they're compatible, they will be given the option to reveal their names, contact information, and personal references to the other party, and the matter will be handed off to either those parties or their representatives.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this initiative is to promote obedience and devotion to Allah in our community by helping Muslims find spouses in a halal way.

This is a confidential profile that you will complete to determine a potential spouse for you, Insha'Allah. You will be answering very personal and possibly sensitive questions:

- Honesty is crucial. A lack of honesty will only hurt your ability to find a spouse or will harm your future marriage.
- Please be aware that the Islamic Center will not assist in cases of haram marriage requests or illegal marriage requests.
- You may include a headshot (picture) of yourself if you wish, but it is not necessary. If you include a photo, it will not be revealed to a potential spouse without your permission.
- Your identity will not be revealed to a potential spouse without your permission.
- Your profile will not be available for unauthorized people to view without your permission.
- Please answer these questions to the best of your ability and with as much detail as possible.

DISCLAIMER

- The ICOB Board is **NOT** affiliated with this service and will not be held responsible or liable for any problems that may arise.
- **The Bloomington Marriage Service is ONLY operating as a means of matching potential spouses together and therefore has no control over and shall not be responsible or liable for any and all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind arising from this service.**
- If a compatible profile is available, both candidates will be notified and able to review the other party's profile, with names redacted. If both parties feel they're compatible, they will be given the option to reveal their names, contact information, and personal references to the other party, and the matter will be handed off to either those parties or their representatives. **The service will have no part in what happens afterwards.**

By accessing or using this Service you are agreeing to these Terms. If you disagree with any part of these terms then you may not access the Service.

THE BASICS:

Full Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Preferred method of contact (**Circle one**): Phone or Email

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Your Gender:

Your Age:

Preferred age range of spouse:

Your Height:

Your Weight:

Have you been married before?

If you have been married before, can you bring your divorce documents to the office?

Current Citizenship (ex: *US Citizen, Green Card etc.*):

What city are you living in right now? (Ex. Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids etc.)

Ethnic Background (Ex. American, Egyptian, Nigerian, Somali, Syrian etc.):

Do you prefer a spouse with a specific ethnic background? If so, what ethnic background?

What are the necessary requirements you are looking for:

Are you Sunni or Shiite?

When would you like to be married? (**Circle one**) Within the year, 2 years, or 3 years+

Would you prefer a spouse who is Sunni, Shiite, other, or no preference?

Language(s) and level of fluency:

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Preferred language(s) of spouse:

Do you suffer from any chronic disease or condition?

Is there a history of genetic disease in your family?

How do you support your health and nutrition?

Do you follow a specific diet? Do you expect your spouse to follow this as well?
(Ex: *Zabiha, Vegan, Vegetarian*)

Do you smoke or do Hookah? (regularly *or* occasionally)

How important is it to look your best?

What physical appearance would you like in a spouse? (example: tall, thin etc.)

How much effort should your spouse put in their daily appearance? (Ex: *Hygiene, hair, makeup, presentation*)

Do you associate yourself with a political party?

What political/social issues are important to you, if any?

Have you ever lived alone? (If so, can you cook? Do laundry? Can you provide for yourself?)

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Do you have any children?

How do you feel about a spouse who already has children?

Are you employed? (**Circle one**): Employed, Student, Homemaker, Unemployed, Retired

If employed, what is your occupation?

What do you do in your free time?

Do you read? If so, what type of material?

Do you have friends of the opposite gender?

How would you feel about your spouse having friends of the opposite gender?

Do you have non-Muslim friends?

Do you like to have guests in your home?

What is your level of education?

What is your preference for your spouse's level of education?

Do you plan to continue your formal education?

How would you feel about your spouse continuing their formal education?

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How do you make important decisions in your life? How would you involve your spouse in future decisions?

What are your short term and long term goals?

MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE:

What are your expectations of marriage?

What are the roles/duties of the wife in marriage?

What are the roles/duties of the husband in marriage?

Do you want to practice polygamy?

Would you prefer your spouse to be or remain employed after marriage?

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What are your religious expectations of yourself and your spouse after marriage?

When there's a dispute in your marriage, how do you hope to resolve it?

Do you think that it's ever appropriate to use mediation (counseling) in a marriage?

Under what circumstances would you relocate from your current residence? What role would your spouse play in this decision?

Under which circumstances would you get a divorce? When do you think divorce can be a solution?

FINANCIAL:

How do you spend/save money?

How do you think that your use of money will change after marriage?

Do you have any debts? If so, are you working towards eliminating them?

How do you feel about taking loans to make major purchases (Ex: *house, car, school etc.*)?

Do you use credit cards?

What do you expect from your spouse financially?

What is your financial responsibility in marriage?

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Are you (or will you be in the future) financially responsible for any family members?

How much financial independence should you and your spouse have?

FAMILY:

What role (if any) will your family play in selecting your spouse?

Do you currently live with your family?

How often do you visit your family? (Or extended family)

Do members of your family speak another language? If so, would you like your spouse to learn this language?

After marriage, do you plan to live with your family at any point?

What do you expect your spouse's relationship with your family to be?

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How would you handle a conflict between your spouse and your family?

How do you feel about the use of swearing/foul language within the family?

How much time do you spend at work? How do you plan to balance work and family?

CHILDREN:

Would you like to have children? If so, how many and how soon?

If, after marriage, you find either you or your spouse is unable to have children, would you consider fertility treatments? Would this be reason for divorce?

What type of relationship do you want your children to have with you and your spouse's families? (What kind of relationship do you have with your family members?)

If there are family members who are not Muslim, what type of relationship do you want to have (and do you want your children to have) with them?

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How do you feel about hiring babysitters, nannies, or maids?

What are the best methods of raising children?

How do you want to teach your children about Islam?

What language(s) would you like your children to speak?

What type of relationship should your children have with non-Muslim peers?

RELIGION:

How important is it for you to be involved with the masjid? Are you involved now?

Would you consider yourself a practicing Muslim? (On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being not practicing and 10 being very practicing)

Do you primarily follow a particular school of thought? (Ex: Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, Hanbali) Is it important that your spouse follows the same school of thought? Please specify.

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How important to you is the hijab?

How important is it for you to have a spouse who dresses modestly?

How often do you complete the fard (mandatory) prayers?

Would you like your spouse to be a practicing Muslim? To what extent? (On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being not practicing and 10 being very practicing)

What do you want to improve about yourself religiously?

Do you fast during Ramadan?

Have you been to Hajj or Umrah? Would you like to go? If so, would you bring your spouse?

Do you go to jummah prayers?

How do you celebrate religious holidays?

(If female) What would you like for a mahr (Dowry)?

COMMUNICATION:

When I am angry, this is the worst thing about me:

If you wrong someone, how do you apologize?

How much time passes before you can forgive someone?

How do you feel about physical or hormonal contraception (birth control)?

REFERENCES & WALI:

Please provide *at least one* personal reference. This should be a person (non-family) who is able to verify your personal information and testify to your character. This can be a close friend, a respected community member, or a religious leader.

Name:

Relationship:

Contact information:

Name:

Relationship:

Contact information:

(If Female): Please include contact information of Wali

Full Name:

Phone Number:

Email:
