



## **BRIGADIER ERVAD BEHRAM PANTHAKI (Retired) MOBED DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Approved by the ZAMWI Board of Trustees on September 15, 2025 by vote

### **Overview and purpose**

A cash fund established by Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington, Inc. (ZAMWI) Board of Trustees (the Board) to provide funding awards to priests in training from the ZAMWI community who have made a commitment to serve the religious and ceremonial needs of the ZAMWI community and who are in need of financial support. The financial awards will provide support toward education or training.

The Mobed Development Fund may be utilized to sponsor a candidate for the Athravan Program overseen by the North American Mobeds Council (NAMC), if he or she happens to be from ZAMWI. The funds could support travel expenses, room and board at the venue of the initiation, special clothing, and other related expenses.

### **The Fund**

The ZAMWI Board of Trustees will be responsible for the fund and approve any final awards. The Board will appoint an Advisory Committee (The Brig. Ervad Panthaki Mobed Development Fund Committee) to receive proposals for funding, to review and deliberate, and to make recommendations to the ZAMWI Board for award decisions. A statement of income and expenditure will be submitted annually, by the Treasurer, to the Board and to the community.

### **Eligibility and Application**

Applications for awards will be accepted annually from a Zoroastrian mobed or mobediar, male or female, in the ZAMWI community who is committed to serving the religious and ceremonial needs of the Zoroastrian Community of the Metropolitan Washington, DC region during the duration of the award and in the future.

Application guidelines and application will be available on the ZAMWI web site, and will be announced annually. Individual members of the Board will also serve as contacts for the information through emails and names provided on the ZAMWI website.

### **Time line and criteria for selection**

Applications can be submitted at any time and request any amount. The Advisory Committee will review applications as they are submitted and make recommendations based upon the needs of the community and the qualifications of the applicant.