

Frequently Asked Questions

What kinds of activities will AMSAW promote?

AMSAW will promote activities that are consistent with our threefold objective of faith, love and service. Activities may vary from chapter to chapter, depending on the needs of the university and the local community. Some examples of activities include: interfaith events, Holy Qur'an studies, career panels, community service events, study groups, and sister-bonding activities.

How is AMSAW distinguished from other Muslim or religious organizations on campus?

AMSAW is a religious and professional organization for women only. We seek to promote principles that are in line with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, while also providing a safe space for women of all faiths. Though a Muslim organization may already exist on campus, it is important for universities to respect diverse religious perspectives, while also allowing members of traditionally underrepresented groups, including women and religious minorities, to have their own creative space.

Why does AMSAW not allow men to join?

AMSAW seeks to promote principles in line with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, including encouraging modest interactions between men and women. Several studies have shown that accessing single-sex space is especially important and beneficial for young women. Single-sex spaces encourage young women to take more risks, express themselves, and develop their self-confidence and leadership capabilities. AMSAW seeks to promote all of these positive outcomes.

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What is the AMSAW National Committee?

The AMSAW National Committee oversees all AMSAW chapters in the USA. To contact the Committee, email us amsaw@lajnausa.net.

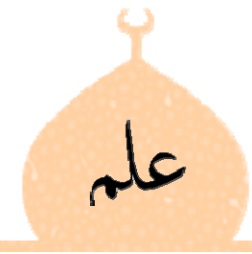
How will AMSAW fund its activities?

AMSAW chapters are encouraged to reach out to their student government organizations and academic departments for funding. The AMSAW National Committee can assist in how to best access these resources. In certain instances, Lajna Imaillah USA and local Ahmadiyya chapters may provide funding on a case-by-case basis; however, this is not guaranteed.

What is AMSAW's relationship with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association (AMSA)? Are members of AMSAW permitted to also join AMSA?

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association (AMSA) is our "brother" organization. AMSA is headed by Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya, the male youth auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Members should only be part of AMSAW once it is established in their college or university. Further, AMSAW as an organization may coordinate with AMSA for common ground functions, such as interfaith events.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association *for* Women



*Faith. Love.
Service.*

Who Are We?

We are Ahmadi Muslims.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is a dynamic, reformist and fast-growing international movement within Islam. Founded in 1889, the Community spans more than 200 countries with membership exceeding tens of millions. **The US congregation, established in 1920, is among the first American-Muslim organizations.**

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is the only Islamic organization to believe that the long-awaited messiah has come in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India. **The Community believes that God sent Ahmad, like Jesus, to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed and reinstitute morality, justice and peace.** Ahmad's advent has brought about an unprecedented era of Islamic revival and moderation by vigorously championing Islam's true and essential teachings.

For more information, visit www.alislam.org

We are women.

Established in 1922, **Lajna Ima'illah (the maid servants of Allah) is the women's auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.** The worldwide organization provides religious education, social services, health and fitness training, among other services.

For more information, visit www.lajnausa.net



We are students.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association for Women (AMSAW) is a nationwide **religious and professional organization for female students.**

AMSAW was established in 2014, upon the direction of the worldwide head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad. AMSAW chapters are overseen by Lajna Ima'illah USA, the women's auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Our goals are threefold.

1. **Faith** - to promote awareness of true Islam and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.
2. **Love** - to provide friendship, moral support, and professional guidance to women.
3. **Service** - to provide service to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the larger American community.