

## Greetings, partners, donors, supporters and friends of OTF!

A lot has been happening here at the foundation and we are eager to pass on the updates to you.

## Ihsan Trust Partnership

It is unfortunate but true that quality education has become so expensive, it has gone out of the reach of the regular citizens of our country. Such a situation calls out for the privileged to establish avenues that enable students to continue their education rather than them having to drop out due to financial constraints.

Recently, OTF partnered with Ihsan Trust to enable our youth to carry on their education through interest free and shariah approved student loans. We are certain that this step would minimize the students' financial burden.



## Eva Scholarships

It warms us up every time we connect with a partner who holds the same vision of an educated Pakistan as ours. A recent collaboration has been established with Eva Cooking Oils who are graciously sponsoring students for higher education.



Applications for the Eva Scholarships are open; please share the link below with any student you feel needs and deserves a scholarship!

Form: <https://bit.ly/Eva-OTF-Scholarships>

## Education for Islamic Scholars

Understandably, maintaining a balance between *Deen* and *Dunya* is quite a feat; important but a little difficult at times considering how involved we generally are in the worldly lifestyle. OTF has partnered with Jamia Tur Rasheed to provide their scholars with higher education scholarships. Through this initiative we are hoping to encourage these students to acquire secular education and become more aware of the world as well.

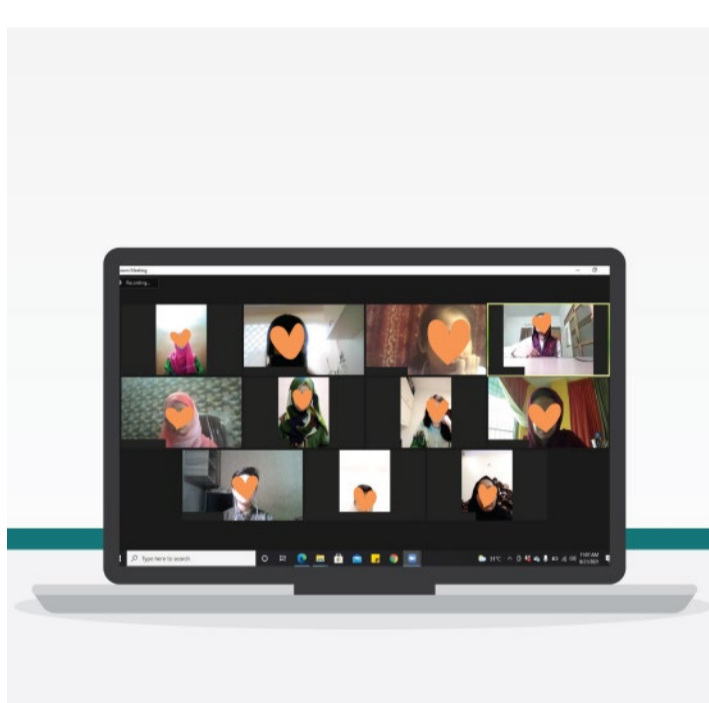


## Academic Activities

### Elocution Contest

The OTF Academics Team recently arranged an elocution contest for our young OTF Scholars, of grades 5 to 9. The contest went very well and we were absolutely thrilled listening to our students speak. The talent within them is truly immeasurable and we admit it was a task on its own to pick out winners.

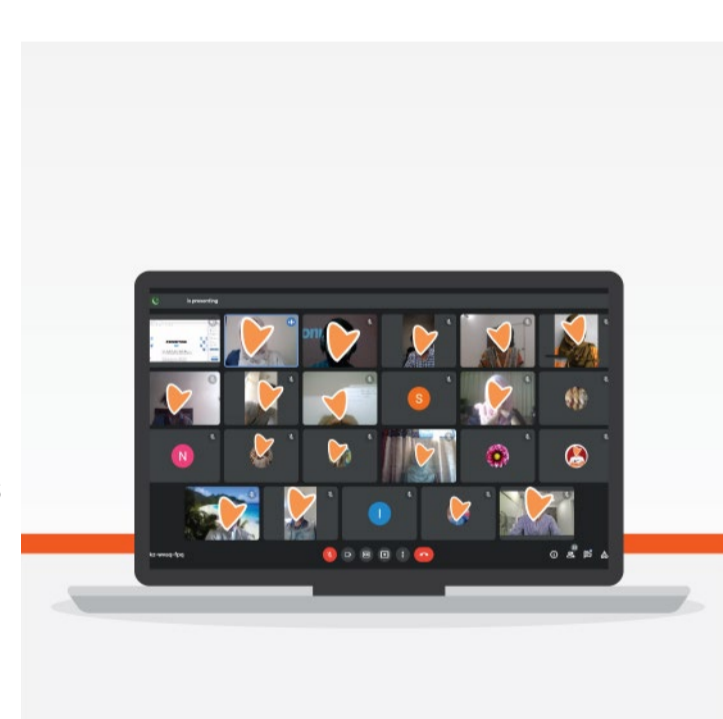
**Congratulations to the 8 winners! We are so proud of you all.**



### Content Marketing Workshop

We understand that it is important for a student's learning to go beyond the classroom. Regular workshops and conferences enable them to not only learn new skills but also look at the world from another perspective.

Keeping this in mind, the OTF Academics Team arranged a Content Marketing workshop for OTF Scholars. The topic was selected keeping in mind the interests of the students and also to enable them to be confident in taking up relevant freelancing projects that they could work on alongside their studies, and be able to support themselves financially.



## Meet-and-Greet with OTF Scholars sponsored by KFC

Raza Pirbhai (CEO KFC) and Omer Mateen Allahwala (CEO OTF) recently met with the students being sponsored through the KFC Higher Education Program. The event was held in Karachi and a number of outstation students joined us via zoom.

The interactive session started with a pep talk from the leaders who shared their life experiences and tips to be successful, followed by a one-on-one with the students. It was impressive listening to the aspirations of the students and how far they are willing to go to prosper in life!



## Inspirational Story

**When you have faith in yourself and backing from your parents, there is nothing that you cannot achieve.**

One of the OTF Scholars, HA, is enrolled at Karachi University and pursuing his BSCS. His father has 4 more children to support. While it is a struggle for him to support his family with his modest income, he is very keen that his children attain the education that he himself was unable to due to lack of resources.

HA opted for an evening program in order to be able to work during the mornings and contribute at home but sadly he is yet to find a job. However, he is a spirited lad, very motivated and ambitious. He believes he is not dependent on a degree, rather his skills are enough for him. He wants to become a top freelancer in Pakistan and we are sure that his determination will help him achieve the success he deserves!

