

Sikh-Gurdwara San Jose

Scholarships for Teaching Credential Students

Sikh Gurdwara San Jose plans to give up to 2 scholarships to students with primary residence in San Jose areas (county of Santa Clara and adjacent cities/area in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Mateo, Contra Costa and San Benito counties). These scholarships are meant for those receiving full time education for getting the California Teaching Credentials. The scholarship winners after training as teachers will be expected to seek employment as teachers in a public or private school in the San Jose areas as well as volunteer their time at the Sikh-Gurdwara San Jose in education related activities.

The scholarship amount is a generous \$1000 per month for a period of up to two years. This translates to up to \$24,000 over a period of 2 years.

The Eligibility Criteria

1. Should have a Bachelor's degree accredited from a US University/College with a GPA of 3 or higher.
2. They should proudly carry their Sikh identity. For males they should have unshorn Kesh (hair on the head) and beard and should wear the turban with pride. For females, they should have unshorn Kesh.
3. They should demonstrate good knowledge of the Gurbani, Sikh Values, Sikh History and Culture.
4. They should have good communication skills in English.
5. They should be able to get admission to one of the teaching credentials programs in the San Jose areas defined above.
6. The scholarships are for the university session starting in fall of 2019
7. For continuation of scholarship, the students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in each of the semesters or quarters as applicable. They must submit the proof of continuing admission and grades every semester.

Application For Scholarship

The application for the scholarship should include the following information

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. Email Address
5. Education Record: High School and the Bachelor's degree including names and addresses of the institutions and transcripts (marks sheets etc.)
6. Letters of recommendation (preferably from teachers, with teachers contact information)
7. Institutions where you are seeking admission for teaching credentials.
8. Should submit an up to one page personal statement as to "Why do I want to become a teacher?"
9. A 300 word essay on "Why I am proud to be a Sikh?"

The completed application should be submitted on or before **September 15, 2019** to

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