

Sikh-Gurdwara San Jose Scholarships for Studies in Journalism and in Radio/TV Broadcasting

Sikh Gurdwara San Jose plans to give upto 2 scholarships to students with primary residence in the San Jose areas as defined in the Gurdwara bylaws (county of Santa Clara and adjacent cities/area in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Mateo, Contra Costa and San Benito counties). The students should be either US Citizens or hold permanent resident status in USA. These scholarships are meant for those majoring in Journalism or TV/Radio broadcasting Journalism or pursuing a Master's degree in these subjects

The scholarship amount is \$500 per month for a period of up to four years for those pursuing a Bachelor's degree and \$1000 per month for up to a period of two years for those pursuing a Master's degree. The successful candidates, upon graduation are expected to serve in a mainstream newspaper or TV/Radio channel in the USA and enhance image of Sikh community by exercising a high level of professional and ethical conduct.

The Eligibility Criteria

1. Should be enrolled in an accredited US University/College with a Bachelors program with major in Journalism or Radio/TV broadcasting, or should be enrolled in a Master's program for these subjects
2. Some experience of Journalism/broadcasting at high school level is desirable, but not necessary.
3. 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.
4. They should demonstrate good knowledge of the Gurbani, Sikh Values, Sikh History and Culture.
5. They should have good communication skills in English. They should be able to get admission to one of the accredited universities for degree in Journalism/Radio or TV Broadcasting.
6. The scholarships are for the university/college session starting in fall of 2026

7. For continuation of scholarship, the students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in each of the years of study. They must submit the proof of continuing admission and grades every semester or quarter as applicable.

8. The applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee for deciding on grant of scholarship. Decision of the committee will be final.

Application For Scholarship

The application for the scholarship should include the following information

1. Name
2. Primary Address
3. Phone Number
4. Date of Birth
5. Email Address
6. Parent's name, address, phone number and email address (optional)
7. US Immigration Status Circle one: Citizen/Permanent Resident/Student Visa/Others
8. Education Record: High School and/or Bachelor's degree including names and addresses of the institutions and transcripts (marks sheets etc.)
9. Names of broadcasting schools, where applying for admission
10. Three Letters of recommendation (at least 2 from teachers,)
11. Should submit an up to one-page personal statement as to "Why do I want to become a journalist?"
12. A 300-word essay on "Why I am proud to be a Sikh?"

The completed application should be submitted on or before October 15, 2026 to

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