

Sikh-Gurdwara San Jose

Scholarships for Teaching Credential Students

Sikh Gurdwara San Jose plans to give up to 2 scholarships to Sikh students with primary residence in the San Jose areas as defined in Gurdwara bylaws (counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Mateo, Contra Costa and San Benito). The candidates should be citizens or Green card holder of USA. These scholarships are meant for those receiving full time education for getting the Teaching Credentials after a four-year college degree. The scholarship winners after training as teachers will be expected to seek employment as teachers in a public or private school as well as volunteer their time at the local Gurdwara in education related activities.

The scholarship amount is a generous \$500 per month for a period of up to two years. This translates to up to \$12,000 over a period of 2 years.

The teaching credentials scholarship starts in the fall 2026 after college graduation.

The Eligibility Criteria

1. They should be able to get admission to one of the teaching credentials programs in the USA.
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. The scholarships are for the university 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 semesters or quarters as applicable. They must submit the proof of continuing admission and grades every semester.
8. The applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee for deciding on grant of scholarship. The decision of the committee will be final.

Application For Scholarship

The application for the scholarship should include the following information

1. Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Address
4. Phone Number
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 the Bachelor's degree including names and addresses of the institutions and transcripts (marks sheets etc.)
9. Three Letters of recommendation (At least two from teachers, with teacher's contact information)
10. Institutions where you are seeking admission for teaching credentials.
11. Should submit an up to one-page personal statement as to "Why do I want to become a teacher?"
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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