

Sikh-Gurdwara San Jose

Scholarships for 4-year College/university degree Or College Level vocational courses for Students from families with Financial Hardship

Sikh Gurdwara San Jose plans to give some scholarships to Sikh 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). The candidates should be either citizens or have permanent resident status in the US. These scholarships are meant for high school students enrolling in a 4-year college/university degree with major in Math, English, Natural or Social sciences. Medical, Engineering , Law or other professional degrees and college level vocational courses will also be considered. Please note that these scholarships are reserved for those with financial hardship. The number of scholarships is not fixed. This is a pilot program and we will decide on these looking at the need and the funds available.

Vocational courses covered are those that require at least one year of college education, for example training to be a paralegal, medical assistant, secretarial training, learning some software package such as SAP, computer graphics etc.

The scholarship amount is a \$500 per month for a period of up to four years for those pursuing a bachelor's or professional degree. For vocational courses, the amount will be determined on individual need base cases.

These scholarships for four-year college degree will start in the fall 2023 after High School graduation. For vocational courses we also going to consider students, who have finished their high school earlier.

The Eligibility Criteria

1. Should be enrolled in an accredited US University/College in a Bachelors program with major in any of the majors specified above or in a vocational course.
2. They should be followers of Sikh faith and have respect for teachings of 10 Sikh Gurus and Sri Guru Granth Sahib.
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. The scholarships are for the university/college session starting in fall of 2026. For vocational courses, other start times may also be considered.

5. 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.
6. For continuation of scholarship, the students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. They must submit the proof of continuing admission and grades every semester/quarter as applicable.

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 (optional)
7. US Immigration Status (circle one): Citizen/Permanent Resident/Student Visa/Other
8. Education Record: High School Grades, Transcripts including names and addresses of the institutions.
9. Three Letters of recommendation (at least 1 from a teacher)
10. Does your family have financial hardship? If yes please enclose a short statement of hardship
11. 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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