

Sikh Women's Organization of Central California (SWOCC)
2019 College Student Scholarship

Background Information

SWOCC will provide scholarships to outstanding high school seniors in Fresno County to help fund college expenses. This is the first year that \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to three high school seniors who are enrolling in college or university in Fall 2019.

Application Criteria and Selection Process

Each scholarship will be awarded based on a combination of factors including scholastic achievement, need, involvement in school and extracurricular activities, community service, character, maturity, and vision for the future.

Each application will be independently reviewed and scored by a committee composed of members of the Board of Directors of SWOCC.

Eligibility

All graduating high school seniors from the Sikh community in Fresno County who are attending college or university in the fall are eligible to apply. Annual family income is not to exceed \$60,000.

Application Instructions

Applicants must use this form as presented and fill it out completely. All applications must be neatly handwritten; altered forms will not be accepted. Only complete applications will be accepted.

For an application to be considered complete, all of the following items must be submitted electronically by the deadline of May 30, 2019:

- 1) application form (including required essay),
- 2) a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) OR parents' 2018 federal tax return (IRS Form 1040)
- 3) a copy of official SAT and/or ACT scores (if required by the college or university),
- 4) an official copy of the high school academic transcript through Fall 2018 (note: transcript must be submitted directly by high school guidance counselor).

Deadline: Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 11:59 pm PDT

Method of Submission: In order to submit the scholarship application, by or before 11:59pm PDT on May 30, 2019,

- 1) the applicant must email a PDF copy of the complete application form (including essay) and supporting documentation to the following email address:
swoccscholarships@gmail.com
- 2) the applicant's high school guidance counselor must submit the applicant's official high school transcript by emailing it directly to: swoccscholarships@gmail.com

Note: The scholarship funds will be deposited in an account at the institution of higher education named by the recipient. The college or university will draw directly from the account as needed to pay for the tuition, fees, room and board, or books of the recipient. The money awarded may not be used for any other purpose.

If the funds are not expended, they must be returned to SWOCC. All application forms and related information and submissions will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of the scholarship selection process.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this application, you may email or call the following members of the SWOCC Board of Directors:

Amandeep K. Matharu
Email: akmatharu1@yahoo.com
Cell phone: 415-342-5830

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Application Form

I. Applicant Background Information

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/year): _____

Gender: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please list names of all schools attended:

High School: _____ City/State: _____

Junior High: _____ City/State: _____

Elementary School: _____ City/State: _____

Please list any additional schools attended if applicable and indicate grade(s) attended: _____

II. Information on Applicant's Parents

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's Highest Education Level Completed (check one):

Between grade 1-8 High School Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree or Higher

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Highest Education Level Completed (check one):

Between grade 1-8 High School Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree or Higher

Total annual family income in 2018: _____

Note: Provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) OR a copy of parents' 2018 federal tax return when you submit your application.

III. College Applications

Name the colleges and/or universities to which you applied: _____

Which college/university are you planning to enroll in this fall? _____

IV. Academic Achievement

1) Cumulative High School GPA : _____

2) List your GPA for each term in high school:

TERM	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Fall				
Spring				
Summer				

Note: Request your high school counselor to directly email a copy of your official transcript through the Fall 2018 term to swoccscholarships@gmail.com

3) List one activity or award/honor per line and check the year(s) of participation or receipt.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS	9th	10th	11th	12th

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS (continued)	9th	10th	11th	12th

V. Standardized Testing Scores

1) List total SAT score(s) & date(s) taken: _____

Scores for Math: _____ Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: _____

2) List ACT composite score(s) & date(s) taken: _____

List each separate ACT test score:

ACT Tests	Math	Science	English	Reading	Writing
Score					

Note: Provide copies of the official testing results when you submit your application.

VI. Extracurricular Activities

List and briefly describe all extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs or organizations, community service, employment, and any others. List the average hours per week spent on the activity under the relevant year(s) and semester(s) of participation. Attach additional sheets of paper if you need more space.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK							
	9 th		10 th		11 th		12 th	
List and briefly describe the activity and your participation in it	Fall	Sp	F	S	F	S	F	S

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (continued)	<u>9th</u>		<u>10th</u>		<u>11th</u>		<u>12th</u>	
	Fall	Sp	F	S	F	S	F	S

VII. Essay Question

Answer the essay question you choose on separate sheets of paper and then attach with the application form.

Pick one (1) essay question to answer out of the following four and write a 500 word, double-spaced, typewritten essay. Attach on separate sheets of paper.

- a) Name two Sikh principles and explain why they are important ideas to aspire to for you personally or as a society.
- b) What does *seva* mean to you and what role will it play in your life as an adult, either in college or beyond?
- c) Why is gender equality an important goal for society?
- d) Pick two Sikh ideals and explain what they mean to you and how they relate to American values.

VIII. Additional Information [Optional]

1) If you believe there are special circumstances or challenges that have impacted your academic performance, please explain on a separate sheet of paper in 200 words or less.

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IX. Applicant's Signature

By submitting this scholarship application to SWOCC, I hereby certify that all of the information I have included in this application is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)