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Sikh Gurdwara San Jose Parbandhak Committee Announces Scholarships for College/University Students.

Sikh Gurdwara San Jose Parbandhak Committee has announced a comprehensive set of scholarships for Sikh students pursuing college/University degrees in following areas,

1. Teaching Credentials: The scholarship is \$1000 per month for students pursuing a two-year degree in teaching credentials after a four-year college degree.
2. Journalism: \$1000 per month for a two-year masters course in Journalism/broadcasting journalism and \$500 per month for a four year degree in these subjects
3. 4-year college degree: \$500 per month for a 4-year Bachelor's degree in medical, engineering, natural, social sciences and nursing.
4. For families with financial hardships, scholarships are available for vocational courses requiring at least one year of post-high school training. These will be \$500 per month.

These Scholarships are limited to all students with primary residence in San Jose areas as defined in Sikh Gurdwara San Jose bylaws (counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Mateo, Contra Costa and San Benito). The candidates should be either US Citizens or have a permanent resident status in the US.

The scholarship winners may be asked to offer upto four hours of service per week at the Sikh Gurdwara San Jose educational programs.

The goal of these scholarships is three-fold,

1. To promote Academic Excellence in the community
2. To promote the Sikh Identity among the mainstream US communities
3. To help the families suffering from financial hardship

A total of upto six scholarships will be awarded. Two of these scholarships are reserved for teaching credentials and journalism. Out of the remaining four scholarships, two will be awarded based on academic merit to students going for 4-year college degree to elite universities and colleges. The remaining two will be for those going for a 4-year college degree based on both the academic merit and financial needs. Scholarships in financial need category will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Depending upon availability of funds, additional scholarships may be considered for the financial needs category or vocational courses requiring one or more years of training.

The scholarships for 4-year college degree are intended for promoting the academic excellence. The scholarships for teaching credentials and journalism are intended for promoting the Sikh identity and bringing to the news media well thought out views on Sikh issues. For students from families with financial hardships, scholarships for four-year college degree with relaxed requirements for GPA as well as scholarships for vocational courses are available.

The Parbandhak Committee requests the sangat to support these scholarships by generous donations. Mark your donations "For scholarships". You can also sponsor a scholarship and name it in honor of your near or dear ones. For more details on sponsoring a scholarship, please contact Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh via phone (408)679-9302 or via email at gpsahib@aol.com.

Last date to apply for all these scholarships is August 31, 2025. For more details and the application, please see the Sikh Gurdwara San Jose website Sanjosegurdwara.org.