

Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars Program

OVERVIEW

Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars Program is initiated for college bound high school students who are the children of the devotees of Sri Ganesha Temple residing in USA who are academically talented but have an economic hardship. The program awards scholarships to students attending one of the accredited colleges/Universities and pursuing a bachelor's degree in any of the academic disciplines in the United States.

OBJECTIVE

Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars Program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens or Green Card holders that are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the U.S. Colleges / Universities in any field of study. The main objective of the program is to assist those students who are talented and motivated to pursue their education but lack financial means to do so.

Scholarship is awarded for one year only and not automatically renewable. The subsequent year scholarship payments are awarded through a renewal of scholarship at the discretion of the Scholarship committee with additional requirements and proof of need

The Scholarship is awarded through an application screening and interview process.

The scholarship award provides \$2500.00 and must be used at one of the US accredited college/university.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or green card holders planning to attend or currently attending (completing their freshman or sophomore year of college) at an accredited college/university in the United States.

Priority will be given to students who have volunteered at Sri Ganesha temple and/or other Non-Profit organizations.

Priority will be given to the children of the employees of Sri Ganesha temple.

The student must show the financial need. The student/parent has to submit the copy of the FAFSA application submitted to the university/college. (FAFSA: WWW.FAFSA.GOV)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Have applied for admission or currently attending one of the accredited college/university in the United States.

Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better (on a 4.0 scale)

Intend to study for a bachelor's degree in an academic discipline

Demonstrate leadership and community service. Provide a minimum of 40 hours of Community Service per year.

Submit a current official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature (preferably through the most recent fall semester)

Submit a current resume

Submit two letters of recommendation one of those should be from a teacher/professor who has instructed the applicant

Submit a 500-800 word essay describing 1) your interest in the discipline 2) how you envision the scholarship will impact you and your future, and 3) your experience and perceptions about the discipline you intend to study.

Submit a completed copy of the FAFSA application form or a copy of the parents income tax return to show the proof of income.

Submit a signed application (original signature only)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application materials must be postmarked no later than 28st of February of each year and mail to

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