

## **Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars Program**

### **OVERVIEW:**

Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars Program was initiated for college-bound students who are children of devotees of Sri Ganesha Temple residing in USA who are academically talented but have an economic hardship. The program awards scholarships to students attending U.S accredited colleges/university and pursuing a bachelor's degree in any academic discipline.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Sri Ganesha Temple Scholars program offers scholarships to US citizens or green card holders that are seeking a bachelor's degree at any accredited college/university 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 is 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 colleges/universities.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY:**

Applicants must be US 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 children of the employees of Sri Ganesha Temple.

Applicants must show financial need. The student or parent of student applying must submit a copy of their FAFSA application. (FAFSA: [WWW.FAFSA.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.GOV))

### **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY:**

Student must have previously applied for admission or currently attending an accredited college/university in the United States.

Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better (on a 4.0 scale)

Student must intend to study for bachelor's degree in an academic discipline.

Student must demonstrate leadership and community service, including a minimum of 40 hours of community service per year.

Student must submit a current official transcript with their school's seal, and an authorized official's signature (preferably through the most recent fall semester)

Student must submit a current resume

Student must submit to letters of recommendation including at least one from a teacher/professor who has instructed the student

Student must submit a 500-800 word essay describing 1) interest in your planned discipline 2) how the scholarship will impact you and your future 3) your experience and perception about the discipline you intend to study.

Student must submit a signed application (original signature only)

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

All application materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2020 and mail to

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