

## **Ontario Sikh and Gurdwara Council Scholarship Application Form 2020**

In commemoration of the 550<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, Ontario Sikh and Gurudwara Council (OSGC) is honoured to announce a scholarship program. OSGC's intent for the annual scholarship is to recognise Sikh students as they enter a recognized publicly funded Canadian college or university.

OSGC is honoured to present scholarships to Sikh students who demonstrate a desire to make commendable contributions to Canadian society. Ontario Sikh and Gurudwara Council is dedicated to supporting and celebrating Sikh students who strive to be active and achieving members of society.

### **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

OSGC's intent is to provide ten (10) scholarships to outstanding Sikh high school students. Each student will receive \$1000.00. The application will be available starting Sunday January 19, 2020.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**The award is open to Sikh students who are:**

- Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident;
- Graduating in 2020 from an Ontario high school, with an intent to enroll full time in a diploma or degree program at a recognized Canadian college or university; and
- Aspiring to make a difference in their communities.

Please note that relatives of current OSGC Executive Board members are not eligible.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

OSGC's scholarship committee will consider and evaluate applicants for the scholarship based on:

- Prompt essay.
- Academic standing.
- Applicant's recommendations.

Successful applicants will be contacted by email and mail by May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Payment of the award is conditional upon full-time registration with the College or University that has provided the offer of admission.

Further information may be requested by OSGC's Scholarship Committee for deliverance of the scholarship funds to the successful recipient.

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**HOW TO APPLY**

**Applications are to be submitted by Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Late applications postmarked or stamped after Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will not be accepted. All applications will be treated strictly confidential. Applications will be reviewed by OSGC Scholarship Committee, comprised of members who are not OSGC Executive Board members. Complete applications are to be sent to the following address:

**O.S.G.C. Scholarship Committee  
905 Middlefield Rd,  
Toronto, ON M1V 4X1**

The completed application must include the following:

- Personal Information, form is attached
- Applicant's Declaration and signature
- Academic Information
- Essay
- Two references

**References**

- May be from an academic or work source as well as a volunteer organization. Please include the reference's name, title, and contact information.
- Should share highlights about your participation or leadership in activities and events.

OSGC is a faith based registered non-profit organization which values Sikhism OSGC would like to know you as a student. Please answer the following essay question:

**Essay**

- **Which notable quality of Guru Nanak Dev ji have you deemed most valuable and why? In addition, describe how have you embraced this value in your life?**
- Should be no more than 800 words, typed.

**Academic Information**

- Be in good academic standing throughout the scholarship application process, minimum grade average of 75%.
- Provide current and final transcripts showing completion of the secondary school diploma.

