

## SAFA SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Asian Family Association is proud to offer three scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each in the following categories:

- (1) Academic Excellence
- (2) Excellence in Community Involvement
- (3) Excellence in Fine Arts

Mission Statement: The South Asian Family Association (SAFA) is a non-profit organization, created in 2000 by a group of concerned South Asian men and women who wanted to promote cultural harmony. Our mandate is to seek solutions to family based problems plaguing the South Asian community, to promote multiculturalism and to seek and raise cultural awareness, understanding and harmony.

### Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, a student must:

- Be a student of South Asian descent
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident within the meaning of the Immigration Act
- Be enrolling in his/her first year of full-time studies at a post-secondary institution in Canada or abroad
- Be completing/have completed grade 12 in a British Columbia high school

**Note:** Relatives and close associates of any member of SAFA are ineligible to apply

### Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated excellence in academics, community involvement or fine arts
- Demonstrated capacity for leadership and/or service
- Two reference letters

### General Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- A transcript of your academic record
- A letter of conditional acceptance to a post-secondary institution and/or proof of registration (proof of registration can be provided at a later date if you do not have it at this time, however, it must be received before funds can be released to you).

### Specific Application Requirements

Students may apply for only one of the following categories and must provide the required essay and reference letters for the appropriate category. Please check:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Excellence

- A maximum 1000 word essay describing *What it means to be South Asian in your eyes*
- Two confidential academic reference letters (signed and sealed)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence in Community Involvement

- A maximum 1000 word essay describing *What motivated you to be involved in the South Asian community*
- Two confidential reference letters, signed and sealed (either from the community organization you volunteer for or from your high school)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence in Fine Arts

- A maximum 1000 word essay on *How do you think your South Asian cultural heritage has influenced your decision to pursue a career in the Fine Arts*
- A 250 to 500 word write-up describing your fine art talent
- Two confidential letters: one must be from a high school teacher, the second reference letter must be from a professional or teacher who can attest to your fine arts skills (signed and sealed).

All applications must be received by June 14, 2015. Awards will be distributed at a future SAFA event.

All applications should be submitted to:

SAFA  
P.O. Box 60406 Fraser R.P.O.  
Vancouver, B.C. V5W 4B5

If you have any questions, please contact [info@safa.ca](mailto:info@safa.ca)

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Please complete all sections of the application. **The deadline for submission is June 14, 2015.**

Please select which category you are applying for: (Only apply for one)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Excellence
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence in Community Involvement
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Excellence in Fine Arts

**Section 1 – Personal Information**

Name	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Gender _____ Female _____ Male
Citizenship: _____ Canadian Citizen _____ Landed Immigrant	
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email address:	
What language(s) do you speak at home:	
How did you hear about this scholarship:  _____ Guidance counselor _____ Teacher _____ Friend _____ Advertisement, please specify _____ _____ Community Group _____ From a SAFA member _____ Other, please specify	

**Section 2 – Academic Information**

Name of High School:
Address of High School:
GPA: _____ (For grades 10, 11 and 12) Please attach transcript.
Have you been accepted to your post secondary institution of choice: _____ Yes      _____ No
If yes, where?
If not, where have you applied?
Anticipated university major (s):

**Section 3 – Awards/Honours**

A. List honors or academic awards you have received (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.) You may be contacted to provide verification of these awards.

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date

B. Career Choices:

First Career Choice	
Second Career Choice	
Third Career Choice	

**Section 4 – Activities and Interests:**

A. List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, volunteer, etc.)

Organization Involved	Position Held	Dates of Involvement	Approximate # of hours	Contact name & number for verification

B. Brief description of your responsibilities:

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please submit completed application form along with the necessary documents to:

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