



MATA BHAAG KAUR EDUCATION FUND
AND
SIKH EMPOWERMENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Framework and Guidelines



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Introduction

Mata Bhaag Kaur Educational Fund is a fund created to provide financial assistance to the needy Gursikh girls so that they can be successful in life and pave way for stronger and educated Sikh Community. This document is draft proposal defining the framework, process and guidelines

Framework

- Available to graduate and undergraduate programs only (e.g. law, nursing, teaching, CPA, engineering, medicine etc.).
- Only for tuition fee, all other charges are to be bore by the students and their family.
- For Amritdhari Gursikh girls, regular with minimum 7 bania Nitnem and 5 Kakkars.
- Elementary/High School assistance can be considered for the needy families in India (e.g. families living in poor financial conditions etc.)

Application process

Initial Eligibility

Mata Bhaag Kaur Educational Fund committee will consider cases only if all of the below conditions are met:

- Student must provide proof of acceptance into an accredited educational institute for the professional programs as mentioned above.
- Students must have a proven volunteer record in Sikh organizations.
- Student needs to provide reason for applying for scholarship.
- Students must show other loans and scholarships availed from various sources (if applicable). Gap between loan amount and fee will be eligible for scholarship grant
- Students need to show satisfactory past educational record and need to give commitment to maintain a high standard going forward.
- A student must provide the transcripts showing GPA/grade/percentage level.
- A child of Scholarship committee is not eligible to apply.
- For Elementary/High School assistance for the needy families in India, hardworking students with better grades would be considered provided they meet the Gurmat and Financial requirements mentioned above.
- 15 Scholarships will be granted per year.

Timelines

- Eligible Students must submit their applications by the application deadline and the scholarship amount would be mailed/transferred within one month after the application deadline.

Scholarship amount

Based on need and available funds with following considerations

- Only for Amritdhari Gursikh girls.
- Maximum limit of up to 50% of tuition fee or \$1000 per year for graduate/diploma programs (whichever is less).
- Maximum limit of up to 100% of tuition fee or \$1000 per year for the needy families (e.g. families living in very poor financial conditions or families where bread earner is no longer alive or able to work).

Scholarship committee

Structure

Scholarship committee will be entirely volunteer based. One of the Khalsa Media Services director would be the chair of the committee and all members should commit for a minimum of 1 year.

Proposed committee

- Bhenjee Harjeet Kaur Ji – Chair of the committee
- Bhai Ravneet Singh Ji – Member
- Bhai Ramanpreet Singh Ji – Member
- Bhai Harmeet Singh Ji – Member
- Bhai Sandeep Singh Ji – Member

Fund Collection

- Dasvandh Network Mata Bhaag Kaur Educational Fund Project

Fund Maintenance

- One checking account of Khalsa Media Services would be used for maintaining the funds for this project.

Disbursement

- Checks will be issued directly to College/Institution where possible.
- Student will be required to collect the check and submit the same to the institute
- In some cases, the checks can be issued on the name of student where above is not possible.

Amendments

- Amendments to this document can be made by scholarship committee in writing with consensus of all members
- In case of disagreement, minimum majority of 60% is required to pass the amendment.