

Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago Academic Scholarship Application



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The Scholarship Process

Please be advised that the recipients of the PCS Scholarship are decided by an independent council of judges who are not PCS officials. To ensure an unbiased selection process, all names and signatures are withheld from the judges pending the reception of their marks by PCS Chicago. Scholarship is to be awarded on **June 2, 2019** at Viceroy of India Banquets, Lombard, IL.

All application materials must be received by **May 19, 2019** at 243 N. Wilke Road, Palatine, IL 60074 or can be hand carried to any PCS official by May 19. Applications submitted via post should be postmarked by this date. Please do not hesitate to contact Gurlal Singh Bhattal – PCS Youth Director (630) 340-7608, or Harwinder Paul Singh – PCS President (224) 715-0395 or Vick Singh – PCS Vice President (847) 508-5184, or Bhupinder Singh Dhaliwal – Inter Community Director, or any PCS Official for more information.

Note that all application materials submitted become property of the Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago and will not be returned. All application materials shall be kept confidential and will eventually be destroyed after the completion of the Scholarship Award process.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND ENSURE YOU HAVE ENCLOSED ALL THE ITEMS ON THE CHECKLIST.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND/OR PROCESSING DELAYS.

Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Name of the Applicant _____

Academic Background

Name of High School _____

Cumulative Un-weighted GPA (X.XX/4.0) _____ Cumulative Weighted GPA (X.XX/Maximum) _____

Please provide a brief description of your Academic Goals:

Extracurricular Involvement

In the space provided, please describe your contributions to the Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago (if any). Attach more pages if necessary:

In the space provided, please describe all other extracurricular involvement. Feel free to attach more pages if necessary:

Name of the Applicant _____

Achievements

Please tell us briefly about any academic or extracurricular achievements. Feel free to attach extra sheets and/or any copies of certificates pertaining to these activities:

Written Response

Short Answer – Using no more than 200 words, please respond to one of the following on a separate page:

- a. Identify and explain a variety of qualities which differentiate you from other students and identify an important source of motivation for you – be it a goal, a role model, or something else altogether.
- b. In your words, please explain what the Punjabi Culture means to you. This could be in terms of how it has shaped/changed your life, how it differs from other cultures or anything else you would like to share.

Essay – Using no more than one page, please respond to one of the following on a separate page:

- c. In your opinion, what is the most pressing social problem affecting the Punjabi American community? Provide potential mitigating courses of action which an organization such as the Punjabi Cultural Society can undertake.
- d. What significance do you realize to being a member of a minority group in the United States of America? What Civic Responsibilities do we have due to this affiliation?
- e. What is your vision for the future that reflects your passion on a topic, and the role you would like to play in that future?

Conduct

Yes No

Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on academic probation or expelled?

Have you ever been arrested, charged, or cited for any crime other than a minor traffic violation?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain why in the space provided below (you may attach additional sheets if required):

Name of the Applicant _____

Checklist

- Completed Application Form
- Official Transcript
- Supporting documentation, information, and certificates
- Two Written Responses (1 short answer response and 1 essay response)
- Conduct Explanation (If Applicable)

Please mail your application package to Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago, 243 N. Wilke Road, Palatine, IL 60074 or hand Deliver to any PCS Official by **May 19, 2019**.

CERTIFICATION

By signing this application, I certify that the information provided above is true and correct and this application, as submitted, has been completed to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any changes to the information provided above must be communicated to the Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago as soon as possible. I understand that all materials included in this application become the property of the Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago and will not be returned. I also provide permission to the Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago to verify the above information.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED: _____ DATE: _____