

IVACC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INDUS VALLEY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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The Indus Valley American Chamber of Commerce is proud to continue our scholarship program for a second year.

APPLICATION

To be considered for the scholarship, you must:

1. Be a Northern California resident and
2. Be enrolled in an institution for post-secondary education (ie; college, university, technical school).

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Satisfactory completion of academic programs.
2. History of commitment to the South Asian community of Northern California.
3. Leadership potential in the South Asian community of Northern California.
4. Financial need.

Generally, community service and leadership potential will be given more weight and may be shown through past activities. Financial need may be demonstrated with various types of credible information, such as eligibility for financial aid.

Application Materials

The following materials must be submitted together:

1. Evidence of enrollment in an institution for post-secondary education (i.e., college, university, technical school).
2. Evidence of residency (enrollment for education in Northern California is sufficient for proof of residency).
3. A written personal statement, not to exceed two pages (double-spaced, size 10 - 12 font) in length. This statement must also include your name, address, email, and telephone number. The statement must be signed and dated. Generally, the Scholarship Committee is interested in employment experience and ambitions, community and campus activities, and unusual life experiences. If you feel you have overcome any form of hardship (financial, educational, physical, etc.,) you are encouraged to discuss the experience in your statement. Feel free to be creative and innovative in your approach to the personal statement.

4. Current résumé.
5. Credible financial information may be submitted if the applicant feels that he/she is in financial need. A summary financial statement and/or a copy of a student financial aid form is preferred.
6. Two letters of recommendation from separate individuals that are not related to the applicant. Letters should be written within the last six months and include the name, address, telephone number and email address of the recommending individual.
7. Completed Applicant Certification Form (see last page of this document).

Application Evaluation

The IVACC Scholarship Committee will evaluate each scholarship application and will select the scholarship recipients in its sole discretion. Scholarship Committee members will not participate in the evaluation of applicants to whom they are related. To facilitate the decision making process, the Committee may, in its discretion, require a personal interview with any or all scholarship applicants.

Application Deadline and Submission

The Application deadline is November 22, 2011.

Applications must be postmarked, emailed or received by the deadline date. Late application materials will not be considered unless authorized by the Scholarship Committee.

Applications are to be submitted directly via mail or e-mail to:

IVACC Scholarship Committee
c/o Amar Shergill, Shergill Law Firm
2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 295
Sacramento, CA 95833
amar@shergilllawfirm.com

Scholarship Distribution

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their successful application by December 1, 2011. Scholarships will be awarded at the IVACC Year-End event scheduled to be held on December 10, 2011. Scholarship recipients must be present to receive their awards. The Scholarship Committee may change these dates and terms as necessary in its sole discretion.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION FORM

1. I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. My ability to accurately follow instructions will be considered during the selection process.

2. I understand that I may forfeit my award if I do not attend the awards banquet.

3. I certify that I am currently enrolled in an institution for post-secondary education (ie, college, university, technical school).

4. I hereby authorize IVACC to utilize my personal information for publicity or public relations purposes, including but not limited to photos and/or information from my application.

(IVACC will not publish any applicant's address, telephone number, email address or Social Security Number).

5. I certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I will forfeit my award if any information that I provide is found to be deliberately false, inaccurate, or misleading.

Name of Applicant

Signature

Date