



Scholarship Application Form

Upakar Foundation – the Indian American Scholarship

**** Application Postmark Deadline - April 30, 2021 ****

United States Citizen United States Permanent Resident (Green Card holder)

Do not complete this application if neither residency status applies.

Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Email Address (This will be used for any follow up questions and to communicate scholarship award. Please use one that is checked regularly, and respond back quickly if contacted)

I am applying for the following scholarship (must select one):

Upakar Community College Scholarship (provides \$500 per year for 2 years at a community college followed by \$2,000 per year for an additional 2 years at a college or university - \$5,000 total towards tuition costs)

Upakar Scholarship (provides \$2,000 per year for 4 years at a college or university - \$8,000 towards tuition costs)

The Upakar Scholarship is a restricted scholarship and can only be used towards tuition.

Study Plans

Institution where you plan to enroll for the upcoming academic year (if undecided, list top 3 choices), anticipated tuition expense for that academic year and expected major. **Do not include room and board, books, fees, etc.**

<i>Name of Institution (do not abbreviate) and Campus</i>	<i>2021-2022 Tuition only</i>	<i>Expected Major</i>

Community Service, Awards & Honors

List any major community service, awards, honors, or recognition (academic or other) you have won. Include the name of the awarding organization, the reason for the award, and the year that you received the award. You may include another sheet to fully capture all awards, if needed.

<i>Community Service/Award/Honors</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Year Received</i>

Essays

All applicants **must** complete the short essay and choose **one** of the long essays from the Common Application Essay prompts (www.commonapp.org). **Essays not written on the specific topics outlined will be disregarded and the application will be considered incomplete.** Please include a word count at the end of the essays.

- Select essay prompt #1-6 (not #7) from the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). (Long essay, 500-650 words)
- Describe a person that you admire or want to emulate (do not select a historical or famous person). (Short essay, 350-500 words).

Household Information

Number of individuals in the household Yourself, parents living in your home and any other individuals (such as siblings, grandparents, other relatives) living in your home that your parent's provided more than ½ their support in 2020	
Number of college students in the household for 2021 Count yourself and any other siblings that will be attending college in 2021.	
FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	
Are you eligible for the Pell Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Parental Income

Refer to application instructions for detailed instructions. You may need your parent's help with this section since it is important to fill it out correctly. If one of your parents is self employed, state it in the Employer field and answer the additional questions on the next page.

Parents' 2020 IRS Income Tax Return

Filed
 Not Filed
 Not filing
 Why not filing? _____

<i>Parental Income</i>	<i>Household</i>	
	2019	2020
Parents Adjusted Gross Income		
Parents Tax Liability		
Father – Earnings per Tax Return		
Father – Occupation		
Father – Employer		
Mother – Earnings per Tax Return		
Mother – Occupation		
Mother – Employer		
Housing situation	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage
Monthly amount (rent or mortgage)		

Did anyone recognized on your parent's tax return receive the following (mark all that apply):

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) SNAP FARM TANF WIC

Self Employment

Do either of your parent own all or part of a business, corporation, partnership, rental investment or farm?

Yes No

If yes, what is the name of the business(es), corporation(s), partnership(s) or farm(s)?

What was the total 2020 gross revenue(s)? _____

What were the total related 2020 expenses? _____

Please explain the purpose of the business/corporation/partnership

All IRS Schedule C and Schedule E forms must be submitted with application. Incomplete financial information will cause application to be considered incomplete and will not be considered for scholarship.

Survey

How did you hear about this scholarship? Please provide the following information.

Newspaper article High School Counselor Website Scholarship site Other

Name of newspaper, website or scholarship site _____

If other, than please explain _____

If there were other websites or sources that you searched and did not see our scholarships listed, please help us and list those sites. We are trying to reach as many students as we can. Thank you for your support!

Signatures

- ❖ I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that if it is determined that I knowingly falsified information on this application I can lose my awarded scholarship and may be required to repay those amounts I was awarded.
- ❖ I hereby acknowledge that the decision of the Upakar Board is final with regard to awarding and/or maintaining my scholarship.
- ❖ I recognize my scholarship can only be used for tuition (not room and board or other fees). Also, if I do not enroll in school or if I leave school in the middle of the school year I am no longer eligible to receive this scholarship and it may be needed to be paid back to Upakar.
- ❖ I understand the check will be sent directly to my school of choice after I provide the required information to Upakar. It is my responsibility to ensure I send the correct address and department to Upakar on a timely basis.
- ❖ I understand that I will be required to give my Social Security or Student ID number to Upakar Foundation on a timely basis if selected as a scholar, depending on what my school uses to process funds.
- ❖ In order to receive my scholarship funds, I will provide a clear headshot photograph for the use of the Upakar website and other publicity materials. I recognize that once the photographs are submitted they become the property of Upakar and may be used for fundraising and/or marketing purposes.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/ Guardian _____ Date _____

Since you and your parents must sign this application and submit an original, it will not be accepted as an email attachment.