



Preserve the Culture ♦ Secure the Language ♦ Serve the Community

## UPASNA'S SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

'UPASNA' - Uttareeya Pradesh Antarashtriya Samiti of North America, translates to International Association of North Indian States of North America, is the largest North Indian non-profit 501 (c)(3). UPASNA was incorporated as a non-political, non-religious and non-profit organization. UPASNA's foundation lies in the North Indians and shall always be in pursuit of useful and essential projects in literacy, education, sanitation, disease prevention, health improvement and rehabilitation.

UPASNA SCHOLAR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (USDC) plans and administers the scholar development process open to **all young students regardless of gender, ethnicity, or national origin**.

One of the main current projects planned by the USDC is the start of **two** scholarships of **\$4000.00** each for high school graduates in 2017 & 2018, winner of one to be announced at the UPASNA Day in the coming month of April and the application for the other to be open to public on the same day. Each of these two scholarships will be **awarded and distributed** within a period of four years to support students' undergraduate education at a college or university of their choice.

The scholarship recipients will be selected by the USDC based on meaningful criteria at the beginning of their undergraduate education. The recipients will also be subjected to yearly evaluation by the Committee to make sure that they stay on course in achieving excellence based on selected criteria. Decision of the USDC will be final and binding and not open to further arbitration.

The criteria for the initial selection of recipients shall include:

- Objective scholastic scores based on high school unweighted GPA (of 3.8 or higher) and ACT/SAT. Submit transcript of SAT/ACT scores and school transcripts with the application.
- Commitment to attend a 4-year university undergraduate program on a fulltime basis
- Submission of an essay stating why are you a deserving candidate for this scholarship, your academic goals and plans as well as the knowledge and experiences gained through having a direct involvement with the Asian Indian Cultural Heritage activities, such as music, arts, etc. (**Not to exceed 2 pages**)
- Excellent social behavior and direct involvement in social activities of any non-profit organizations for minimum of 40 hours.
- The final selection of recipients will also involve a face to face interview by the Committee
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered and will automatically be disqualified**
- Who can Apply: Should be a legal resident of one of 50 US states or DC. Current UPASNA executive members and their families cannot apply for this scholarship.

The criteria for an annual evaluation of recipients shall include:

- Recipients GPA achieved at the college/university during the academic year. Maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher during their college career.
- Student's progress in achieving academic & social excellence as reported by counselor/advisor



## Application Form

**Submission Deadline:** 8:00PM Central, March 31, 2017

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of college/university you plan to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major Planned:**

**Colleges Applied To (List top 3 preferred):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**.....

**Please include this application form with your application**

Email **ONLY** one document with all the required details mentioned below to **dfwusdc@upasna.org**

Application Form

SAT/ ACT Scores transcript

School GPA transcript

Essay (Not to exceed 2 pages)

Required volunteer hours' confirmation on the nonprofit letter head & signed by President or Secretary

**Incomplete/duplicate/multiple/late applications will not be considered and will automatically be disqualified**