



Scholarship Application Form

Upakar Foundation – the Indian American Scholarship

Application Postmark Deadline - April 30, 2015

Personal Information

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Email address _____

Please check one:

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

Do not complete this application if neither residency status applies.

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

Upakar Community College Scholarship (provides \$500 for 2 years at a community college and then \$2,000 for 2 years at a college or university - \$5,000 towards tuition costs)

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

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

Scholastic Achievements

High School _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ of _____

Cumulative Weighted GPA _____ of _____

Class Ranking _____ of _____ (if available)

SAT Critical Reading _____ SAT Math _____ SAT Writing _____

ACT Math _____ ACT Reading _____ ACT English _____

ACT Science _____ ACT Writing _____

Study Plans

Institution where you plan to enroll for the 2015-2016 academic year (if undecided, list top 3 choices), start date, anticipated tuition expense for 2015-2016 academic year, anticipated room and board for academic year and expected major. Do not include books, fees, etc.

<i>Name of Institution (do not abbreviate) and Campus</i>	<i>Full Scholarship?</i>	<i>2015-2016 Tuition</i>	<i>2015-2016 Room and Board</i>	<i>Expected Major or Certificate</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 date 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>Date Received</i>

Sources of Funding

List **all** sources of available and potential funding for your education. Include individuals, organizations, scholarships, etc. Mark the funding as a Scholarship, Grant, Loan or Other. Do **not** include parental or personal contribution.

<i>Source</i>	<i>Scholarship/Grant/Loan/Other</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>

Are you eligible for the Pell Grant?

Yes

No

Essays

All applicants **must** complete the long essay and choose **one** of the short essays from the two short essay questions. **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.

- A. Define and outline your career goals and how a college education can help you achieve them. Write a **minimum** of 500 words to a **maximum** of 750 words on this topic.
- B. Choose one of the topics below and write a **maximum** of 500 words on the topic.
 - a. Briefly describe a character from one of your favorite books or movies, describe if you would want them as a family member and explain why.
 - b. In your autobiography written 50 years from now, what would be on page 37?

Household Information

Number of individuals in the household _____

Include: yourself, your parents living with you in your home, parent’s other children (if living in the same home and your parent’s provided more than ½ of their support in 2014), other people living with your parents in the same home (and your parent’s provided more than ½ of their support for 2014)

Number of college students in the household for 2015 _____

Count yourself as a college student and include any siblings that will be attending college in 2015.

Parental Income

Refer to application instructions for detailed instructions. You may need your parent’s help with this section since it is very important to fill this 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’ 2014 IRS Income Tax Return

Filed Not Filed Not filing Why not filing? _____

<i>Parental Income</i>	<i>Household</i>	
	2013	2014
Parents Adjusted Gross Income		
Parents Income Tax Liability		
Exemptions on Tax Return		
Father – Earnings per Tax Return		
Father – Occupation		
Father – Employer		
Mother – Earnings per Tax Return		
Mother – Occupation		
Mother – Employer		

Was the primary wage earner unemployed for more than 60 days during 2014? Yes

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

Supplemental Security Income Food Stamps Free or Reduced Price lunch TANF WIC

Asset Information

Refer to application instructions for detailed instructions.

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Household</i>	
Cash, savings and checking accounts		
Do your parents pay mortgage or rent? Circle one	Mortgage	Rent
Monthly mortgage or rental payment		

Only answer this section if either parent is self-employed:

Does either parent own all or part of a business, corporation, partnership or farm?

Yes No

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

What was the 2014 gross revenue(s)? _____

What were the 2014 actual expenses? _____

Please explain the purpose of the business/corporation/partnership.

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 for us. 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 I am not eligible to receive this scholarship.
- ❖ 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 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 purposes of promoting the work of Upakar.

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.