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Empowering South Asian women & families to lead safe and healthy lives

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## **SAHELI SCHOLARSHIP FORM**

Saheli, Support and Friendship for South Asian Women and Families of Massachusetts, is offering scholarships for one year to two female students to pursue a college degree. Scholarships will range in size from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The applicant must be a senior in high school with a rising GPA and a commitment to higher education at an accredited college. The student may attend either a 4-year college or a 2-year program. Saheli's goal is to empower girls who are unable to attend an institution of higher learning due to financial constraints. Funds for this scholarship were raised in the South Asian community of Boston on 2019 to assist underserved immigrant families.

### **Eligibility**

1. A female high school Senior (class of 2021)
2. Residing in MA (United States)
3. Maintains a high and rising GPA
4. South Asian Origin (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka)
5. Accepted into an institution of higher learning.

### **Application Period**

The 2021 application period opens February 1, 2021 and ends April 10, 2021. This is a one-year scholarship, renewable for qualified students.

**Your Personal information (please fill in). Incomplete forms will not be considered.**

1. Full Name:
2. Cell Phone:
3. Local Address:
4. Email Address:
5. Gender:
6. Date of Birth:
7. Place of Birth:
8. Your Citizenship Status:
9. Primary Language Spoken at Home:

**Parents (Guardians) and Family:**

1. Name of Father:
2. Occupation:
3. Name of Mother:
4. Occupation:
5. Combined Family Income (father, mother, children):
6. Number of Siblings:
7. Number of children currently living at home:
8. Number of children attending primary, secondary or high school:
9. Number of children attending college:
10. Number of children working full-time or part-time.

**Academic Information**

1. Highest Degree achieved by applicant:
2. Name of High School:
3. High School Status: What was your GPA?
  1. GPA end of Freshman Year
  2. GPA Senior Year
  3. GED Status
  4. Other high school degrees?
4. List High school activities:
5. List public service/community activities:
6. List part time jobs in High School:
7. Current place of employment if any:
8. Number of hours of work per week:
9. List all awards, scholarships or special recognition you have received in high school with details:

**College Information**

1. College/Vocational School You Will Attend: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Length of the program:
3. Enrollment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Estimated Cost of First Year Tuition (not including room and board):  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. List other sources of Income to Finance College Education?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Where will you reside while attending college?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ On Campus

\* If you plan to reside on campus please list the estimated cost of  
Room and board \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements**

1. Provide two References, at least one should be from a teacher in your final year of high school.
  - a) Name of referee and relationship:
  - b) Name of referee and relationship:
2. On a separate sheet of paper in less than 300 words, please write a personal statement to answer:
  - a) What are your educational goals and how do you intend to reach them?
  - b) What activities or experiences have you participated in, or had, which will aid you in achieving your goals?
  - c) Have you received any scholarship aid or grants to attend college to date? Details:
3. If there are any special circumstances that you would like to bring to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, please indicate on a separate sheet of paper.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

The first award check will be sent on September 1, 2021 and will be half the amount of the entire scholarship. The second award will be mailed on January 1, 2022 upon submission of the transcript from the previous semester and satisfactory completion of course work. The Scholarship Committee will make the second award at its discretion.

## Required Documents

### **Application return instructions. Please submit the following:**

- Saheli Scholarship Form
- College Acceptance letter
- References from two individuals (one must be a teacher)
- Personal statement
- An official high school transcript
- Letter about special circumstances (if applicable).

**Respond by the deadline of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:00 pm.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## How Applicants Will be Evaluated

Applicants will be rated on the following criteria —

1. Personal interview
2. Quality of the personal statement
3. Content of the recommendation letter
4. Quality of high school achievements
5. Participation in community and volunteering.

Scholarship applications are available on the saheliboston.org website. On Facebook at 'saheliboston' and by email at [info@saheliboston.org](mailto:info@saheliboston.org). After completion, please forward all documents and required attachments to the following address:

Attention:

Ms. Rita Shah, Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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