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Empowering South Asian and Arabic women & families to lead safe and healthy lives  
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## SAHELI SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Saheli is an organization providing Support and Friendship for South Asian and Arabic Women and Families of Massachusetts. We are awarding scholarships of \$1500 each to three female students from these communities to support their costs in pursuing a college degree.

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 to assist under-served immigrant families.

## Eligibility

1. A female high school Senior (class of 2022)
2. Residing in MA (United States)
3. Maintains a high and rising GPA
4. South Asian and Arabic Origin (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka and many Arabic speaking countries.)
5. Accepted into an institution of higher education

## Application Period

**The 2022 application period opens March 14, 2022 and ends April 30th, 2022.**

**This is a one-year scholarship, renewable for qualified students.**

**Please complete the entire form. Incomplete forms will not be considered. All the information will be verified by Saheli Staff and the committee.**

### Your Personal Information:

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 in school: \_\_\_\_\_  
(primary, secondary, high school)
9. Number of children in college: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Number of children working full-time or part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Information

1. Highest Degree achieved by applicant:  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was your High School GPA? \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA Freshman Year \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Year \_\_\_\_\_  
GED Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Other high school degrees? \_\_\_\_\_
4. List High school activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. List public service/community activities: (use additional pages as required)  
\_\_\_\_\_
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 High School awards, scholarships or special recognition 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 Sources of Income to Finance Education?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Where will you reside while attending college?  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ On Campus \_\_\_\_\_  
\* If on campus  
list 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 \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Name \_\_\_\_\_ 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? List 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.  
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### 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, 2022 and will be half the amount of the entire scholarship. The second award will be mailed on January 1, 2023 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 30th, 2022, 5:00 pm.**  
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## 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

Mail application to: Saheli, P.O Box 1345, Burlington, MA 01803

or email all documents and required attachments to  
Divya Chaturvadi, Co-ED & Committee Chairpersons:  
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