

Title: Financial help/Scholarships to students for pursuing higher studies

Objectives: 1. To help the needy and deserving students get higher education in backward Kandi area.

2. To uplift and empower the needy students especially who could otherwise had abandoned their higher studies.

3. To bridge the gap between the 'have' and 'have-nots' in the society.

4. Giving maximum help to the maximum number of students under one roof.

Context: Khalsa College, Garhdiwala is a premier institution of the *Kandi* area. It was established in the year 1966 with the objective of *Sarbat the Bhala* (welfare of all). It embraces all who want to study further even if someone is economically not fit to join the college. This college is situated in Kandi area so it gets its input of students from the said area which is financially backward and due to this economic issue most of the students after completing their schooling don't go for further studies in colleges. So in order to encourage those students for higher education and to make them self-reliant and independent for future, Khalsa College takes it as its duty to serve those who cannot afford. Various types of scholarships are available based on merit, caste, regions, religion, gender, minorities, competitions, etc. under one roof to help the students financially to enroll for various courses available in the college. This practice where helps in increasing the literacy rate of the area also helps the poor and needy students.

Practice: Khalsa College, Garhdiwala provides various types of scholarships to the needy and deserving students based on merit, caste, region, religion, gender, minorities, competition, etc like Post Matric Scholarship belonging to SC/BC students, minority based scholarship, merit based scholarship, Old Student Association fund scholarship, Brother-Sister Concession, Amritdhari Students Scholarships, Scholarships to winner of sports and cultural activities, Concession for students of SGPC employees.

Evidence of Success: In the year 2021-22, students of Khalsa College, Garhdiwala got various types of financial aids through scheme framed by Government, Khalsa College and Non-Governmental and Non-profit making Institutions. Total 225 students were benefitted from this

practice of providing scholarships and concessions amounting to **Rs. 28,56,370**. The detail is as follows:



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Scholarships (2021-22)

Name of the scheme	Number of students benefited by government scheme and amount		Number of students benefited by the institution's schemes and amount		Number of students benefited by Non-Government and Non-Profit Organisations	
	Number of students	Amount	Number of students	Amount	Number of students	Amount
Post Matric Scholarship Belonging to SC/BC For Students	111	2169536				
Under Meritorious Category			19	60037		
OSA (Old Student Association Funds)			3	7379		
Brother-Sister Concession			18	18000		
Amritdhari Students (By SGPC Sri Amritsar)					22	169000
SHDF Scholarship (Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council, New Delhi)					18	305960
DheeyanPukardian (By NGO)					5	60000
Concession for winners of Sports and Cultural Activities			25	51500		
Concession for students of SGPC Employees			4	14958		

Total Students Benefitted=225

Total amount of Scholarships=Rs. 28,56,370

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Problems Encountered and Resources required: Even though efforts have been made to frame various types of scholarship schemes to help the students but still following problems are suffered:

1. People of the area are so much financially down-trodden and the number of students who need the financial help is too high that it becomes difficult to help each and every one.
2. Some scholarships demand heavy documentation that people fail to fulfill all the formalities
3. Some scholarships are filled online. As people are not aware of filling the forms online so they have to go to the cyber-caffes for this purpose where they are charged heavily.
4. Sometimes when the scholarship money a student gets is delayed and is available after the end of session or more whereas he/she is required to pay the due college fees during the session so the scholarship money in that case does not help the students much when it is needed.
5. Sometimes due to some mistakes in the form, a student is required to go to Chandigarh from Garhdiwala for correction and students especially girl students hesitate for that and don't pursue it further.