NFIA mailing address: 4059 Keswick Drive, Atlanta Ga. 30339,USA NFIA website: www.nfiaweb.org

Dear Applicant,

Deadline to receive completed application with all required documents is June 15, 2024, USA time.

The National Federation of Indian American Association (NFIA) in collaboration with the Bhandari Nirankari Trust (BNT) partnered to create NFIA-BNT Scholarship that provide financial assistance to college bound students who choose to pursue Higher education. NFIA-BNT Scholarship lessens the financial burden on students and families. Scholarship is initially granted for one year and may be considered for up to four (4) years subject to availability of funds. Successful applicants could receive \$ 2,500 annually in financial assistance up to \$10,000 for tuition and fees while enrolled in an accredited College, University or Technical School program (not to exceed a maximum 4-year period). The scholarship awards are made annually in August.

NFIA-BNT offers a total of four (4) scholarship: two (2) merit based (requirements GPA >3.5; SAT>1300; ACT >30) and two (2) merit cum means (requirement GPA >3.0; SAT>1200; ACT >27).

Applicants for merit cum means scholarship must provide accurate annual household income information. In case of US citizens, Green card holders or Non-resident Indians the annual household income needs to be less than \$75,000.

NFIA-BNT reserves the right to request tax returns for verification from applicants seeking merit cum means scholarship. Applicants (for merit-cum means scholarships) residing in India or Indian citizens still need to provide annual household income in the currency of the resident for consideration by the NFIA review committee.

The NFIA-BNT Scholarship Review Committee will assess scholar's compliance with academic requirements each semester. Scholarship may be discontinued or placed on hold for those quarters/semester when recipients are absent from College, University or Technical School.

The judging of new applicants will be based on review of the following required submittals.

- Demonstrated exceptional academic achievements determined by ACT/SAT scores, High School GPA, and /or current College transcripts.
- For entering Freshman: ACT/SAT scores
- For currently Enrolled Students: Copies of your current college/technical school transcript and /or cumulative GPA.
- Extra-Curricular and Leadership Activities
- Personal Essays
- Recommendation Letters

Details may also be found at the NFIA Website <u>www.nfiaweb.org</u> or on NFIA Scholarship page on Facebook.

On behalf of NFIA-BNT Scholarship Program, we would like to wish you the best as you complete the application process. Link to complete your scholarship application with the required supporting documents is as follows...........

Sincerely,

Kapil Bhandari Chair, Scholarship Steering Committee Bhandari Nirankari Trust Raj Razdan President, NFIA Sudip Gorakshakar Chair NFIA Youth Education Committee