

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarships

San Diego Indian American Society

October 5, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The San Diego Indian American Society is soliciting your cooperation once again this year to request participation from the top graduating seniors of your high school for the *2010 Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarships*.

This is the twenty-seventh year for the scholarship program. The scholarships were established in 1984 to celebrate contributions of Mahatma Gandhi for world peace through non-violence. They are awarded to a minimum of ten San Diego county high school graduates every year. They will be honored with a Congressional Certificate of Achievement and cash awards. The SDIA Society has decided to offer scholarship awards of over \$30,000 for the 2010 competition. The Award ceremony is to be organized in the summer of 2010. It will feature talks by selected award winners and invited dignitaries.

The criteria for selection include: (1) *Academic excellence* (2) *Community involvement* (3) *Statement of purpose for college* (4) *An original essay on "nonviolent means for conflict resolution"* (5) *Recommendations by teachers* and (6) *Financial need and educational background of parents*. Winners will be selected from the pool of nominees from participating high schools, by a review committee made up of recognized leaders in the field of education, business, social organizations and past scholarship winners.

We invite you to nominate two of your graduating seniors with a grade point average of at least 3.8. *The selection is open to all irrespective of his or her national origin*. Your nomination package should include the completed application by the student and the counselor along with the supporting materials. Please email complete application by April 15, 2010 to gandhi@sdiias.org. Original transcripts or complete application can be mailed to

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarship
4168 Pallon Court
San Diego, CA 92124

If you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to call (619) 698 5058.

We thank you for your cooperation and participation of your school in this program. We look forward to continuing this important relationship with you and your students in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Ramesh Rao, Chair

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarship

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San Diego Indian American Society
2010 Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarships and
United States Congressional Certificates of Achievements

Open to all seniors of San Diego County High Schools *irrespective of national origin*;
Total of \$20,000 will be Awarded, Based on academic excellence & community involvement;
Deadline April 15, 2010

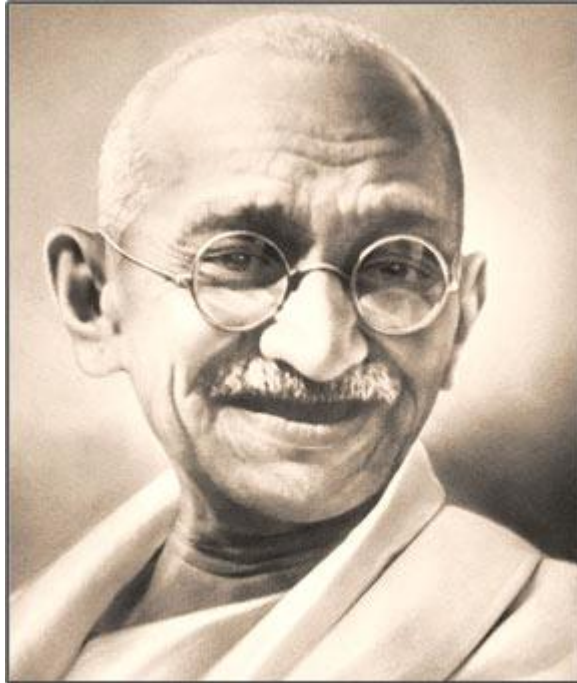
Section I - Student: Please complete and give this to your counselor with required documents.

1.	Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Tel _____
2.	Parents Name(s) _____
3.	Parents 2008 Adjusted Gross Income divided by members in the household \$ _____
4.	Educational Background of Parents (Please circle): <i>High School, College, Professional Degree</i>
5.	Weighted GPA w/o PE 10 th thru 12 th (enclose copy of transcript) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> check
6.	SAT score (best from same test date; enclose score copy) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> check
7.	Essay on Non-Violence (not to exceed 2 pages, double spaced) <input type="checkbox"/> check
8.	Personal Statement (past achievements, future plans, not to exceed 1 page) <input type="checkbox"/> check
9.	A list of honors and community service (not to exceed 1 page) <input type="checkbox"/> check

Section II - Scholarship Counselor: Please complete and forward two selected applications to Mrs. P. Parikh, 4168 Pallon Court, San Diego, CA 92124 postmarked latest by **04/15/2010**. Use both academic excellence and community involvement for screening.

1.	Name of High School _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
2.	Name of Counselor _____ Email: _____ Tel # _____
3.	Signature _____ Date _____

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Announces



Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarships
(From \$ 1,000 and above; Over \$30,000 of Total Awards)
and
United States Congressional Certificate of Achievement
to Graduating Seniors of
San Diego County High Schools
Based on
Academic Excellence, Community Involvement and an
Essay on Non-Violent Means for Conflict Resolution.

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Your school should nominate you.
Contact your Scholarship Counselor
For an application.