

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

SVS (Balaji) Temple, under guidance of the Board of Trustees and the Auxiliary Committee, has developed a Scholarship Fund to help provide a valuable and needed program to our devotees and their families. The Scholarship Fund will provide a \$10,000 scholarship to first year students who are enrolled full time at accredited undergraduate programs in academic year starting fall 2023. The scholarship will be distributed in equal installments over four years to the winning student(s). The scholarship will be awarded 50% based on merit and 50% based on financial need. The number of scholarships that will be provided is dependent on annual fundraising. The scholarships will be distributed to the winning student over 4 years, paid directly to the college on the student's behalf.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Application must be completed before **May 31, 2023**.
2. At the top of every page, please write the first initial of your last name followed by the last 4 digits of your social security number. (e.g. if you name is John Doe and your SS# is 123-45-6789, your "application code" would be D6789).
3. You must include a copy of your high school transcript with this application.
4. Parts III, IV and V should be typed, single spaced in a separate document, printed and submitted with the rest of the application (with the application code written at the top right of every page). Part III and IV should each be on a separate page. Your essays should not include your name or your parents' names.
5. Attach a **copy** of (i.) your parents' 2022 tax return(s), whichever is applicable (usually IRS form 1040 or 1040A), (ii) your parents' March pay stub(s). Please provide proof of any income generated outside the U.S.
6. Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) available online. Submit a copy of your FAFSA application. Also, attach the *Student Aid Report (SAR)* or a *SAR Acknowledgement* that is sent to you after completing the FAFSA which includes your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).
7. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE IN THE APPLICATION EXCEPT IN PART 1**
8. Applications should be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Auxiliary Committee – Scholarship Application. The completed application and additional materials can be dropped off in person to the Office at the Temple or mailed to the address above. After submitting your application, please email balajiauxiliary@yahoo.com with your name, application code and the date submitted. Alternatively, all completed materials can be scanned and emailed to balajiauxiliary@yahoo.com. Please include the completed checklist as part of your application.
9. Finalists may be asked to participate in a phone interview.

NOTES

1. All applications will be reviewed on a blind-basis. Parts I & II (including FAFSA, EFC, tax returns, etc.) will be separated from the rest of your application and reviewed separately. Parts III, IV and V will be reviewed on a blind basis.
2. All information will be confidential and not shared, except to individuals on the Auxiliary Committee and the Board of Trustees.
3. Incomplete applications or applications that do not follow the instructions outlined above may be removed from consideration.
4. Applications of scholarship recipients are subject to further validation as to the accuracy of submitted information. Any incorrect information may result in disqualification.
5. All scholarship recipients must be continuously enrolled in an accredited college program during the scholarship period, maintain a minimum B average and have no criminal record.

Part I

A. Personal Information

Name of Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Address: _____
(Street & Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

Applicant's Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

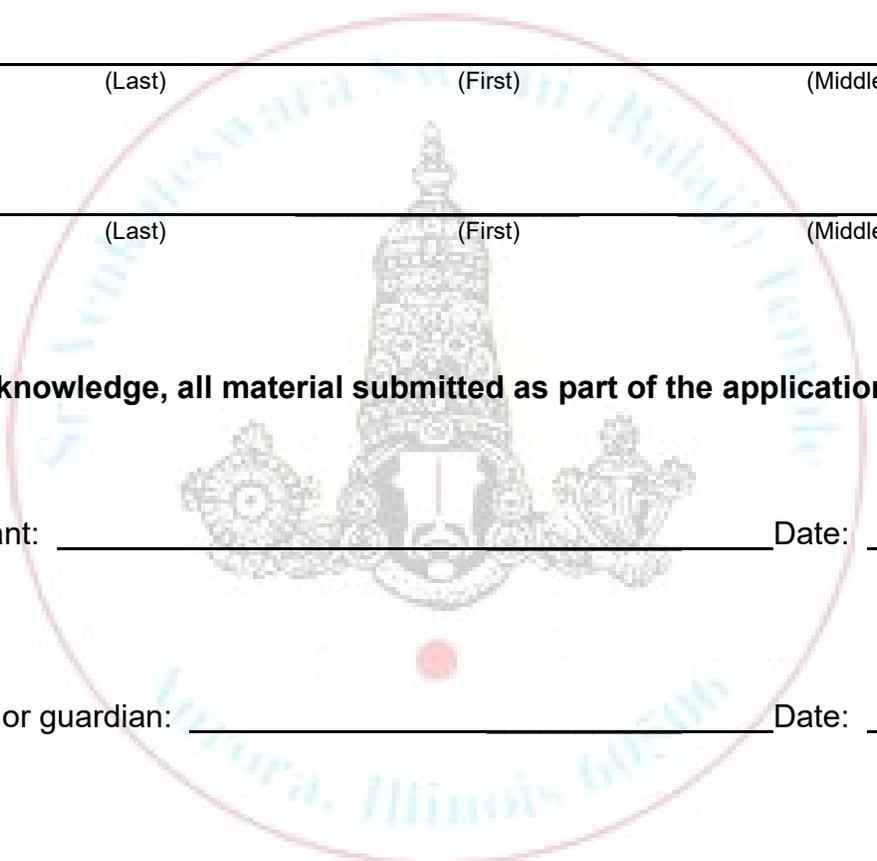
Name of Father: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Name of Mother: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

To the best of my knowledge, all material submitted as part of the application is accurate and correct.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____



Part II

A. Financial Information

IF YOU ARE A DEPENDENT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PARENTAL INFORMATION	IF YOU ARE NOT A DEPENDENT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
# of dependents in parent's family:	# of dependents:
Ages of dependent children:	Ages of dependents:
# of dependent children in parents' family who will be in college during the 2023-2024 academic year:	# of dependent children in your family who will be in college during the 2023-2024 academic year:

Name of institution you will be attending: _____

Cost		Anticipated Funding Sources	
Annual Tuition	\$ _____	Scholarships	\$ _____
Room/Board	\$ _____	Grants	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	Work/Study	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	Subsidized Loans	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Unsubsidized Loans	\$ _____
		Other: _____	\$ _____
		Remaining Balance	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA: \$ _____

Additional Details on Scholarships, Grants, etc: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Part III

1. Student's Date of Birth
2. Student's Social Security Number
3. High School Attended
4. Date of Graduation
5. GPA and indicate scale (unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale)
6. Class Rank (Include out of how many students the rank is out of)
7. SAT and ACT scores by sections (Please list date of each test taken)

Part IV

8. List school honors or other accolades received, offices held, and extra-curricular activities.
9. List jobs, including summer employment, you have held in the past four years. Include hours spent per week and total hours worked. List unpaid volunteer work, community service, leadership roles/offices held and other extra-curricular activities. Include hours spent per week and total hours contributed. If applicable, describe your activities for the past two summers, other than those listed above.
10. List institutions where you have studied and dates attended, beginning with the high school from which you graduated and including the one in which you are now enrolled.
11. Please describe if there are any extenuating circumstances that the committee should know about. Please skip if not applicable.

Part V

Please write an essay for each question below. Each essay should be a minimum of 400 words.

12. How frequently do you visit the S.V.S. (Balaji) Temple in Aurora, IL? What cultural, religious or educational activities have you participated in?
13. How has the S.V.S. (Balaji) Temple influenced you and your life?
14. Why do you want to go to college?
15. Describe the single accomplishment that you are most proud of and why.
16. In the future, how do you envision contributing back to your community?

Application Checklist

- Email to balajiauxiliary@yahoo.com with name, application code and date submitted
- Part I
- Part II
- Part III
- Part IV
- Part V
- Transcript
- Parents' tax return
- Parents' pay stub
- Proof of other non-U.S. income
- FAFSA

