

INSTRUCTIONS /GUIDELINES/ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
(FOR NEW & RENEWAL APPLICANTS)

SHDF SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

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NISHKAM SIKH WELFARE COUNCIL

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READ CAREFULLY

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Fill the Application Form clearly and completely in English (BLOCK LETTERS) in your own handwriting.
- 2 Please fill in all the columns with NO DOTS or DASHES.
- 3 No column is to be left blank. Incomplete application forms will be summarily rejected and no further correspondence will be entertained.
- 4 Completed Application Form with all Enclosures should be sent to “Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council, Nishkam Bhawan, B-Block, Tilak Vihar, New Delhi-110018” by speed/registered post or courier marking, “SHDF Scholarships- 2023” on the top of the envelope containing application and must reach Nishkam Office latest by **31st July, 2023 (1700 Hrs.)**. Applications received after the last date will be summarily rejected.
- 5 Please give TRUE & CORRECT information. Giving false information or suppression of any fact will result in termination of scholarship, if already granted and processing of other legal action. Only students belonging to needy families should apply.
- 6 If the applicant has received financial assistance (either on account of SC/ST/OBC/ Any other category OR from any other institute / source) during previous year or has applied or is expecting assistance for this year, then complete information must be provided in the Application Form as well as in the Report from College Authorities.
- 7 You may check the status of your Application at Nishkam website, “www.nishkam.org”. No phone call will be entertained in this regard.
- 8 Please inform us immediately of any change in your Postal Address or E-Mail ID or Phone Number.
- 9 The management reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason. The decision of management for scholarships shall be final and binding. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
- 10 Each student eligible for Scholarship will have to attend all Seminars / Workshops when invited for his/her improvement of Communication skills, Personality Development, Moral Science, Human Values and Career Guidance during the year. Absence from workshop without any valid ground may lead to disqualification.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These scholarships are available only for pursuing professional diploma, degree or postgraduate courses in a recognized institution/University in India. The term professional course includes, (but is not limited to), engineering, architecture, information technology, computer science, medical, nursing, pharmacology, home science, education, business management, agriculture, animal husbandry. Students appearing in Class X & XII Examination (Academic year 2022-23) may apply and take part in the Written Test and Interview, but the scholarship will only be granted, upon getting admission into a professional course in a recognized Institute.

(i) The applicant must have obtained at least **60% marks** in the previous two examinations.

(ii) The gross family income of the applicant must not exceed **Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum**.

The applicant must maintain an active e-mail account for correspondence with Nishkam. He/she must mention a Mobile and alternative telephone number for easy communication

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HOW TO APPLY

For New Applicants

Download the **Application Form for new Applicants**, fill it up, clearly and completely, and send it, together with attested photocopies of all certificates and other necessary documents, to reach Nishkam office in New Delhi (by mail or delivered personally) latest by 31st July, 2023 (1700 Hrs.). Incomplete Forms/ Forms received after due date will be summarily rejected.

Applicants whose forms are complete in all respects, will allowed to appear, at their own expense, in a written test to be conducted by Nishkam. The admit cards for the written test will be sent by e-mail. The schedule for the written test and venue will be intimated through said admit card and also available at our website www.nishkam.org. Candidates will be required to bring their Admit Card and ID Proof while coming for the written tests and interview. (Admit Cards will be issued once your application is complete and has been accepted). A Roll No. will be assigned by Nishkam to each shortlisted applicant. This is always to be used along with your contact number while communicating with Nishkam.

The written test consists of following two papers (in Punjabi language): -

Paper I: Elementary test in Punjabi language will be from General Grammar and the students will have to prepare by self-study. One question in English language (on any general topic) will also be asked.

Paper II: Religious and Moral studies will be from a book 'NAITIK SIKHIYA' published by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana. The book NAITIK SIKHIYA, published by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle is available on payment basis at book stalls at the different centres in Punjab as per list appended below. The students from New Delhi may purchase the book from Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council, B-Block, Tilak Vihar, New Delhi-110018.

You may also download the book (free of charge) from our website www.nishkam.org

Candidates qualifying written test will appear for Interview, at their own expense. The date, time and venue for the interview will be notified later on.

For Renewal (Old) Applicants

For renewal of SHDF Scholarships 2023, the students are required to submit completely filled **Application form for Old Applicants** along with latest Original Income Proof, Photocopy of DMC or Self-attested copy of gazette of last semester's/year's result (but before Jan., 2023) and photocopies of fee receipts for the last year. Last date for submission is 31st July, 2023 (1700 Hrs.). Please mention your SHDF Roll No. (already given to you along with your Admit Card) while communicating with Nishkam.

Candidates will be required to appear for Interview only. This interview shall be based on the subject matter contained in the recommended book "Naitik Sikhya" (prescribed by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana), General Knowledge and about content of the course for which scholarship is to be paid.

The Interview shall be conducted at different centres (convenient to the applicant) say Amritsar, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Faridkot, Bathinda, and New Delhi on the date and time intimated later on by e-mail or can be checked at Nishkam's website www.nishkam.org. Candidates will be required to bring their Admit Card and ID Proof while coming for the interview.

Please note that appearing in written test / interview is not a guarantee for sanction of the SHDF scholarship.

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For enquiry regarding availability of books please contact the Sewadars indicated below.

S.No.	Area	Contact Persons	Mobile No./ Telephone No.	S.No.	Area	Contact Persons	Mobile No.
1	New Delhi	Ms. Simranjot Kaur	0-11 28333842, 0-11 28333377, 7827384938	8	Chandigarh, Mohali	S. Manjit Singh	8872209922 9417374491 7986946264
2	Ludhiana	M/S SUKRIT Guru gobind Singh study Circle	9888266676 9888025960	9.	Hoshiarpur	Navpreet Singh	8872010691 9855173278
3	Amritsar-Tarn Taran	S. Gurjot Singh	9914017038 9914017086 9815415575	10	Sangrur- Mansa- Barnala	S. Surinder Pal Singh Sidki	9888499726
4	Gurdaspur	S. Pritpal Singh	9914409442	11	Patiala	S. Damanjit Singh	9501224411 7508018905 9878084055
5	Jalandhar	S. Bakhsis Singh	9815583239 9872076276 7696233600	12	Ferozepur- Moga	S. Kulwinder Singh	9855504406 9855590860 9855531875
6	Abohar-Ganga Nagar	Dr. Mandip Singh	9815923537 8872800538 9915744143	13	Faridkot- Muksar- Bathinda	S. Harvinder Singh	8437221325 9814900645 8360623921
7	Ropar – Nawan Sehar	S. Tejinder Singh	9888893879 9256232307 9417707099				

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REQUIRED ENCLOSURES / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Attach the following documents along with filled in and duly signed by applicant & parent / guardian Application Form: -

1. Two recent photographs -Good quality colored passport size (Paste TWO photographs with your signature at appropriate place in the Application Form .
2. Self attested copy of Mark sheets of 10th Class Examination, Sr. Secondary Examination & later exam, if any.
3. DMC /Attested copies of Gazette (for the Examinations passed during 2022-23) of professional courses. (exams held before Jan, 2023)
4. Self attested copies of Fees receipts paid for the academic year 2023-24 and Hostel/Mess charges (if any). No handwritten Receipts will be accepted.
5. Photocopies of fees receipts paid for college going sibling (if annual fees is more than Rs. 20,000/- & studying during 2023-24) (if applicable)
6. Copy of Death certificate(s), if Father/Mother/Husband is not alive. (if applicable). An affidavit or a letter from the Sarpanch or Tehsildar, if father is Missing / Separated or taken divorce. In the affidavit or letter, the Sarpanch or Tehsildar must state that he is personally aware of the situation
7. Proof of family income (both parents):- Must attach attested copy of latest Income Tax Return / Employer Certificate/Pension Details mentioning yearly income, details of agricultural land acreage and annual income. For daily wage laborers, (Specify nature of work) small shopkeepers (specify type of shop), self-employed persons (who have filed no income tax return) stating income from all sources as per appropriate enclosed format.
8. Photocopy of front page of the passbook or cancelled cheque leaflet having your name on cheque.

Checklist:

Please attach the documents in the same sequence:

S.No.	Check list Point
1.	Duly Filled & signed Application form along with valid and working Mobile Number and E-mail ID and two recent photographs pasted on the application form.
2.	Self attested photocopy of Mark sheet for Class X and Class XII
3.	Attested Gazette / photocopy of DMC for Examinations passed during April 2022- December 2022 of professional course.
4.	Self attested Photocopies of fees receipts already paid (including Hostel/Mess Charges) for the period from June 2022 onwards (from June 2023 onwards for First Year Students)
5.	Self attested photocopies of fees receipts of college going sibling (if annual fees of sibling is more than or equal to Rs. 20000/- and is studying during 2023-24)
6.	Copy of Death certificate(s), if father/mother/Husband is not alive. An affidavit or a letter from the Sarpanch or Tehsildar, if father is Missing / Separated or taken divorced
7.	Latest, Original Annual Income Proof.
8.	Photocopy of front page of the passbook or cancelled cheque leaflet having your name on cheque.

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