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Dear Applicant:

The Arya Samaj Markham (ASM) has been offering scholarships since 1997 to deserving university bound students. We will be continuing this great tradition and expanding the program to further allow more students to benefit from the generosity of the community. Our goal is to improve access to post- secondary education for youths of all Hindu parentage descent regardless of socioeconomic status. By removing financial barriers we strive to enable high potential individuals to excel and contribute to the Canadian community.

Through a process that considers merit, extra-curricular involvement, community service, career aspirations and financial need, we hope to provide qualified students the opportunity to pursue their dreams.

We are pleased to announce that in 2018, we will be awarding scholarships up to \$ 5,000.00.

We look forward to reviewing your application. Please submit the following documents along with your application:-

- ✓ Scholarship Application
- ✓ Proof of Acceptance from a Post-Secondary Institution
- ✓ Official Academic Transcript
- ✓ Recommendation Letters of Voluntary hours

Please submit your completed application (with all the required documents) via email to the Scholarship Review Committee at scholarship.asm@gmail.com no later than Saturday, April 21 , 2018. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

All information received by the Scholarship Review Committee will remain confidential.

Questions? Please call Shailesh @ 416-574-4509 or Ken Norman 416-705-2003

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for ASM Scholarship, you must:

- have applied to a Canadian post-secondary institution
- be a full-time Student in high school or secondary institution with a minimum average of 80% from top four subjects including core of Mathematics and English Language.

Conditions for disbursement

If you are selected to receive the ASM Scholarship, you must meet the following criteria to receive your award

- Be accepted by Canadian post-secondary institution
- Complete 60+ hours of Voluntary or Community Service work.

Application Guidelines

- Applications and supporting documentation can be submitted online via email at scholarship.asm@gmail.com.
- Scanned / Mailed applications and supporting documents (legible) will be accepted , ensuring that the application contains ASM 2017/2018 Scholarship and Your Surname completed.
- All questions must be answered completely.
- No need to demonstrate financial hardship, a copy or proof of income will not be required to support your application. Please note that any information submitted is confidential and will not be shared beyond the members of the Scholarship Review Committee if submitted.
- All applications must be emailed by 5:00 P.M. EDT, **April 21 ,2018**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. It is encouraged to get required documentation from your institution as early as possible, as this must also be submitted before the deadline.
- The Scholarship Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information at any stage of the application / selection process.

Selection Process and Timeline*

Applicants are strongly encouraged to pay close attention to the steps involved in the selection process and application deadlines. The goal is to provide clear and transparent view of the selection process and criteria.

Review

The committee will review applications between April 21 and May 06, 2018. Candidates successful from criteria, will be contacted for an in-person interview by May 07, 2018.

First In-person Interview with the Selection Committee

This interview will be scheduled during the May 12, 2018 and a 4 minute Speech Presentation by Applicants will be required, with all choice of topics sent a week in advance.

Volunteer Work

Selected candidates must complete a minimum of 60 hours of volunteer work.

Scholarship Award Ceremony

This ceremony and presentation awards are expected to take place at VCC in June , 2018. Applicants will be notified of date and time.

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** The Scholarship Review Committee reserves the right to change these timelines at any time. The applicants will be communicated of such changes in a timely manner.*

Application Checklist

All of the documents listed below are required for applications to be accepted. All documents must contain the applicant's name.

Deadline: April 21, 2018

- The Completed application form
- A recent official academic transcript
- Letters of Voluntary Hours

Important Instructions:

1. If you have not received an acceptance letter before the application deadline, you may submit a proof of your 'application submission' to the respective academic institution along with your Scholarship Application. However, proof of acceptance must be submitted at the time of your first in-person interview with the scholarship committee.
2. Letters and documents to support your voluntary work hours. You can request them to submit directly to scholarship.asm@gmail.com.
3. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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Scholarship Application Form

Contact Information

Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Primary Contact Number:

Secondary Contact Number E-mail

address:

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Current School / College / University:

Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend in September 2018:

Name of the Program:

Duration of the Program:

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Essay Questions

- A. Describe the opportunities and challenges that you perceive to participate in youth volunteerism and general welfare of Hindu institutions like Arya Samaj in Canada. (Consider this exercise as writing preparation).

Your response must be completed in 250 words or less.

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All submissions become the property of the ASM Scholarship Review Committee and will not be returned. All personal information collected will be held in the strictest of confidence.

By submitting this form, I certify that the above- submitted information is true and I agree that, if selected as the recipient, ASM may use my name/picture and biographical information in promotion of the scholarship, in any media whatsoever.

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Name/ Signature of Applicant:
Date:

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Name/ Signature of Parent or
Guardian:
(if applicant is under the age of
18)

Date