

NextGen Canada is proud to offer scholarships to empower students in the Surrey School District who are committed to overcoming barriers to higher education. These scholarships aim to recognize individuals who demonstrate resilience, leadership, and a dedication to making a positive impact in their communities. Whether through academic achievement, community service, or personal growth, we believe in supporting students who embody the values of inclusivity, perseverance, and a drive to create meaningful change. Please take a moment to share your story with us by responding to the prompts below and let us celebrate your journey toward achieving your goals.

Instructions:

Students can apply to as many or as few scholarships as they would like, by responding to the prompts below, however each individual student may receive a maximum of 1 scholarship.

Please note that the scholarship committee will consider academic performance, the answers to the prompts below, and the reference letters sent in combination.

Please arrange for 1 confidential letter of reference describing your involvement in the activities outlined in your applications. Reference letters should be emailed directly to nxtgencanada@gmail.com and be addressed towards **Harjas Walia**.

Students have the choice to either fill the form attached below or send their completed application to nxtgencanada@gmail.com as a document or pdf and address it towards Harjas Walia. However, please be sure to answer all the questions in the form.

[NextGen Canada Scholarship Application Form](#)

Forms must be completed, with references sent by 11:59 pm on Friday, May 1st, 2024

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR REFERENCE LETTERS

1. Provide your reference with your **full name and school name**. Please ask that your referees include **your full name and school name** in the subject line of their email.
2. Please ask that your referees email their reference letter **as a Word or PDF attachment. If possible, they should use official letterhead from the organization that they represent and a professional/work email address.**
3. Reference letters should be emailed to nxtgencanada@gmail.com also by **11:59 pm on Friday, May 1st, 2024**
4. Each student applying to the scholarships requires 1 reference letter.

Who should you ask for a reference?

- Academic referees (ie. course instructors, school faculty members or others who have opportunity to observe or supervise you in an academic environment).
- Employers or supervisors of volunteer experiences.
- Coaches of sporting experiences.
- Family members or family friends should NOT be asked to provide reference letters.

Winners will receive their awards/scholarships, as well as instructions on claiming their scholarship on the day of their respective graduation!

Scholarships offered- each is worth \$500-\$1000

The Beacon of Knowledge Award- Recognizing those who use education as a tool to uplift and empower communities.

Prompt: Education has the power to transform lives. Share how access to education has impacted you or someone close to you, and how you plan to use your education to uplift others and create meaningful change in your community. (500 words)

Balbir Kaur Award for Personal Resilience and Growth- Symbolizing resilience, growth, and the ability to rise from challenges stronger than before.

Prompt: Describe a challenge or setback you have faced in your life. How did you overcome it, and how has that experience shaped the person you are today? (500 words)

Baba Deep Singh and Mata Sahib Kaur Award for Selfless Service- Honouring those who demonstrate selfless service and unwavering commitment to their communities.

Prompt: Describe a time when you dedicated yourself to serving others without expecting anything in return. How did this act of selflessness impact you and those around you? How do you plan to continue embodying the values of seva (selfless service) in your future endeavours? (500 words)

Anti-Violence Leadership Award presented in partnership with NationalSaveCanada - Honouring those who actively challenge violence, bullying and injustice to create a safer world.

Prompt: Describe a moment when you actively stood against violence, bullying, or injustice in your community. How did this experience shape your values, and how do you plan to continue fostering a safe and inclusive environment for others in the future? (500 words)