

# THE SAJIT SINGH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - 2023

The Sajit Singh Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of my father, who unexpectedly passed away in September 2022. Born and raised in Williams, CA, my dad was a proud alumnus of Williams Junior Senior High School. His love for family and passion for music and service was shared with so many, offering opportunities through his selfless dedication and organizations.

Sajit was honored to serve Williams as a City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem. He was a committed volunteer with numerous community groups, including the Williams High School Alumni Group, and served with the Williams Community Center, Citizens for a Better Williams (CBW), and was the Assistant Director of the Sacramento Valley Museum. He attended district meetings both, as a parent and a city official. My dad embodied giving back to the community he loved.

My dad was always there to lend a helping hand, whether it was in big or small ways, and often without seeking recognition. He provided unwavering support to those who were striving to make a positive impact on our community and improve their own lives.

A statement from CBW summarized his service best, *"We are a better community because for one bright shining moment, Sajit was a part of it. He will always be a part of it. He set out to make a difference and he did."*

During my childhood, I volunteered alongside my dad and witnessed firsthand his tireless efforts to improve our community. His contributions continue to have a lasting impact, and I am now continuing his legacy by serving the public and sharing his sense of pride in our community.

To honor and continue my dad's legacy, I have established the Sajit Singh Memorial Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Williams Junior Senior High School (WJSHS) graduating Senior who displays scholastic achievement, a commitment to community service/involvement, leadership, and extracurricular activity participation. The scholarship will assist with the costs of attending a two-or-four-year college or university, or vocational or technical school of their choice.

## Applicant Eligibility

The \$500 Sajit Singh Memorial Scholarship is open to eligible WJSHS graduating seniors. Students who are well-rounded and demonstrate a commitment to volunteer service and leadership are encouraged to apply. Applicants must:

- Have 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Have a completion of minimum of thirty (30) community service hours in the last twelve (12) months.
- Submit a personal essay, list of volunteer/community services, high school transcript, and one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-relative.

## Deadline

**Complete applications must be received by **May 12, 2023.****

**Submit the items above with your completed application to the WJSHS office or send via email to [Norcalsks@gmail.com](mailto:Norcalsks@gmail.com). Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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## Application Requirements

If you would like to apply, please provide the following:

1. Personal essay of no more than 750 words that includes:
  - o Your community service experience and the organization(s) in which you have been involved in.
  - o Description of extracurricular activities and with which organization(s).
  - o Examples of your leadership ability (in and out of school).
  - o Your intended major, educational, and career goals.
2. List of volunteer/community service with hours included in the last twelve (12) months. (30 hours minimum).
3. Copy of current high school transcript.
4. Letter of recommendation (teacher, coach, community leader, etc., who is not a relative).
5. Completed Application Form (below).

## Application Form

<b>Applicant Name</b>	
<b>Home/Mailing Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Grade Point Average</b>	
<b>Anticipated Field of Study</b>	
<b>Volunteer / Community Service Experience(s) &amp; # of hours (include additional sheets as necessary)</b>	

## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts are accurate and complete. If selected to receive the Sajit Singh Memorial Scholarship of \$500.00, the funds will be used for costs associated with attending college, university, or vocational school.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name/Signature \_\_\_\_\_