



GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
International Student Scholarship Program

The Bhupesh Parikh Scholarship Program for International Students

(Designed for *New* International F-1 Students
from India and Sri Lanka)

“Thank You, America. . .”

Background:

The “Bhupesh Parikh Scholarship” is named in honor of Mr. Bhupesh Parikh and his family, and their numerous contributions to Glendale Community College and the greater Los Angeles area. Bhupesh, with support from his wife Kumud, was one of the first structural engineers and general contractors from India to start a business in Southern California—“Parikh & Associates,” which is now in its 40th year of operation. The business has since expanded to include “Pari Enterprises,” which has been instrumental in engineering and construction design for area hospitals, banks, office complexes and other buildings. Bhupesh and Kumud have always believed in giving back, especially to causes related to education.

In keeping with this philanthropic spirit, Bhupesh donated \$1 million to the Glendale College Foundation for the construction of the “Bhupesh Parikh Health Sciences & Technology” building, which opened in the fall 2007. The Parikhs were honored in 2006 by the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, the Glendale College Foundation and members of the Indian community for their various philanthropic efforts.

Bhupesh came to the United States as an International student himself from the town of Kadi in Gujarat State in western India. He received his B.S. in Engineering from Utah State University and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California. The Parikhs have three daughters and two grandchildren.

Criteria and Eligibility:

Only *new* International student (F-1 visa) applicants and citizens of either India or Sri Lanka will be considered for this special Scholarship Award. International students currently enrolled at Glendale College should contact the Scholarship Office for other programs for “continuing students.” The following criteria will be used by the International Admissions Committee to select new students for this scholarship program:

- Academic background and financial need (to be determined by grade reports, exam results—HSC, A-Levels, etc., and Application Form essay statements).
- Student’s overall background and above-mentioned eligible countries of origin.
- High Level of English language ability (TOEFL or IELTS exams encouraged).
- Applicant’s ‘Scholarship Essay’ Statement (attached).

Scholarship Terms:

- 10 Bhupesh Parikh Scholarships will be awarded for the Fall Semester (September); and 10 scholarships awarded for the Spring Semester (February); for a total of 20 scholarships for the Academic Year. Summer & Winter short-term sessions are excluded.
- The Awards will be granted as partial tuition scholarships of \$1,000 for the academic year (two semesters). They will be allocated at \$500 per semester towards tuition costs, for “full-time” enrollment (min. 12 units) each semester.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain satisfactory academic and immigration status with the College and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 scale.
- The awards will be renewable each semester, with a maximum of two years.
- “Deadlines” for applying are the dates stated on International Application Form.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT'S PERSONAL STATEMENT

Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle

Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

To the applicant: In the space provided below (or on a separate sheet of paper), please state for the Committee how you can benefit from this scholarship program. Include examples of family, education, and country background when writing your essay. Please keep in mind that this scholarship statement is in addition to the "Personal Statement" included as part of the regular Glendale College International Application for Admission form. You will need to submit both statements to complete the scholarship and regular application process.

It is strongly recommended that you include this scholarship statement with your other application materials when applying for admission.