



The Parekh Family Foundation
The Gunvant & Bharati Parekh College Scholarship

The Parekh Family Foundation was established in 2006, in memory of Gunvant Parekh and Bharati Parekh. The Parekh Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation, focusing on activities that embody the ideals and values of the late Gunvant and Bharati Parekh. These activities include supporting education, research, and missionary medical aid to those who need health care within the United States and abroad.

In Education, the Foundation is committed to:

- Strengthening the medical profession by providing business education to future physicians and health care professionals.
- Attracting, developing, motivating and retaining the best talent to the healthcare profession.
- Stimulating creativity and productivity among young people and adults through programs that encourage and support learning as a lifelong process.

In Medical Research and Missionary Aid, the Foundation is committed to:

- Advancing and supporting basic and applied medical research and aid –especially in geographic areas of dire need.
- Supporting basic health care programs to assure the well-being of community members of all ages.
- Building vibrant communities by involving people of all ages in health programs that contribute to the well-being of their community and its residents.

We encourage all applicable students to apply.

Selene and Zankhna Parekh
Founders
Parekh Family Foundation

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Gunvant & Bharati Parekh immigrated to the USA in the late 60's. With hopes for a better future, they believed in core Indian principals, raising their kids in the traditions and customs of their motherland.

This coming 2020 will mark the 6-year anniversary of the passing of Gunvant Parekh. He was a forward-thinking pioneer. Being the first in his family to leave India, he established himself in a new country and helped his extended family settle in America. Despite moving to a new country, he never forgot the core Indian values he was raised with. He was a disciplined, and principled individual, but always valued family over all else. He was a foodie, dancer, and lover of life.

This coming 2020 will mark the 19-year anniversary of the passing of Bharati Parekh. She was a caring, selfless human being who touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She was a bright woman, educated as a chemist and finished at the top of her class in Gujarat! Always with a smile, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and person, seeing the best in everything.

Eligibility

Two scholarships will be awarded to students in the United States who are seniors in high school or current college students, who are actively enrolled in college as of September 2020. The student must be of Indian origin, and must demonstrate academic and personal excellence.

Amount

A one-time \$1,000.00 check will be awarded to two students each to help defray the cost of tuition, room and board, or books.

Application Process

The applicant must complete the attached form and essays.

Deadline for Application

The deadline for applying for this scholarship is June 15, 2020. Completed applications must be submitted by email to: parekhscholarship@gmail.com. Please note that **no late applications will be accepted.**

Announcement of Scholar

The scholar will be announced and notified on July 31, 2020.

Gunvant and Bharati Parekh Scholarship Application

General Information:

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of high school: _____

High school GPA (written as your GPA / max GPA): _____

High school graduation year: _____

SAT score (if applicable): _____ ACT score (if applicable): _____

High school extracurricular activities: _____

High school leadership experience: _____

Name of college you are attending / will attend as of August 2020: _____

College GPA (written as your GPA / max GPA): _____

College graduation year: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s) (if applicable): _____

College extracurricular activities: _____

College leadership experience: _____

Video instructions and guidelines:

1. Using a smartphone, video camera, computer, etc., please create a short video (no more than 5 minutes) that responds to the prompts below
2. How you choose to answer the prompt is completely up to you. Be as creative and as thoughtful as you would like.
3. Be sure to state your first and last name in the beginning of the video.
4. Please upload your video to youtube.com. Provide us with the link to your private video in the field below. We encourage applicants to make their YouTube videos unlisted so that the video and link are only accessible to those who have been given the link. Please keep all videos active until September 30, 2020.
5. Someone in our office will confirm receipt of your video link. If you do not receive a response from us, we did not receive your link.
6. Please note videos will not be evaluated based on production quality.

Discussion Questions:

All questions must be answered by video, each answer no longer than 90 seconds:

1. *What is an aspect of your identity that you believe has played a fundamental part in defining or shaping who you are.*
2. *If you were to take a gap year what would you do?*
3. *Tell us about an accomplishment you are proud of.*

Link to private YouTube video: _____

Please attach the following to your application:

- A picture of yourself
- High school transcript
- Activities and hobbies list
- College / University unofficial transcript (if applicable)

Send completed applications and attachments to: parekhscholarship@gmail.com by June 15, 2020. **No exceptions will be made to this deadline.**