

The Priti Pal Chaudhry Memorial Scholar Application

Subhash C. Chaudhry established the Priti Pal Chaudhry Memorial Scholarship, in honor of his father in October 2011. This annual scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who is an active participant in Ball State University's Student Voluntary Service Program.

Priti Pal Chaudhry has a passion for helping others, especially the poor. Mr. Chaudhry grew up in a poor family; However, because of his honesty, concern for the well-being of others, and hard work, he became a person of high esteem at a very young age in his native town of Kaithal, India.

Priti Pal Chaudhry was committed to the cause of selfless public service. His son Subhash, remembers the time when he and his father were walking home one evening. His late father asked him "what happens when a tree starts to bear fruit?" Being young and naïve at that time, Subhash had no idea as to what his father was talking about. Then, his father explained that our world has a lot to learn from the fruit laden tree. He went on to explain that when a tree starts to bear fruit, the twigs holding the fruit start to sag. The bigger the fruit gets, the more the twig sags. By sagging towards the ground, the tree tries to make the fruit accessible to those standing on the ground. Priti Pal Chaudhry was trying to teach his teenage son that being gifted with the opportunities he had, to be selfless and accessible to those whom we call less fortunate.

Above all else Priti Pal Chaudhry promoted the cause of education. Therefore this scholarship is established for **one individual** to financially support a student pursuing their college degree, who is committed to selfless public service, and being accessible to others.

Qualified candidates will be:

1. A full-time student who has been an active participant in Ball State's Student Voluntary Services programing. This includes all SVS cosponsored, independent, and one time event programs, as long as there is a record of service logged in the SVS database,
2. Have no criminal history,
3. Individuals applying should have not received monetary compensation for their service,
4. The student will be enrolled full-time at Ball State University for the 2013-2014 academic year, and
5. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applicants will submit a copy of the attached application by **April 5th, 2013** by **5 PM** to the Office of Student Life, **Student Center 133**. This is a \$2,000 scholarship, \$1,000 distributed each academic semester. In order to maintain the scholarship you must:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher;
2. Serve 60 hours of community service for the academic year, 30 hours each semester logged in the SVS database;
3. Work toward the promotion of Student Voluntary Services; and
4. Maintain good behavior consistent with being a role model in our campus community.

Recipients of this award will be invited to attend the Student Voluntary Services Recognition Celebration, **April 26th at 6 PM.**

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Ball State ID# _____ Ball State Email: _____

Class Standing: _____ Anticipate Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____ G.P.A.: _____ Years with SVS: _____

Please Enclose

- 1) A copy of My Volunteer Record from the SVS database:
<http://cms.bsue.edu/campuslife/svs/svsdatabase>
- 2) An copy of the transcript totals section from unofficial copy of you academic transcript available through my.bsue.edu
- 3) Names of two references: 1) an academic reference & 2) a reference from your volunteer work (e.g., an agency supervisor). These names should include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Contact Number
 - c. Email address
 - d. Relationship
- 4) A copy of three responses to the following questions. Word limit of 750-1500 words per question. Please feel free to provide pictures or illustrations to supplement the words, although this is not mandatory:
 - a. Why do you participate in community service through SVS?
 - b. Describe how participating in community service through SVS has impacted your college experience? What have you learned?
 - c. Priti Pal Chaudhry wanted people to be low hanging fruit for others in society. In what way would this scholarship allow for you to be a low hanging fruit for others?

Applications are Due Friday April 5th, 2013. Interviews of finalists will occur the week of April 8th-12th, 2013