



Sidhpur Foundation

Educational Development Program Criteria for Awarding Student Loans

The Sidhpur Foundation is providing a limited number of student loans on a very competitive basis. This program is open to bright and needy students of the Sidhpur community worldwide who are planning to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree education.

The main criteria for selecting loan recipients are:

1. Applicant must trace his/her origin from the Sidhpur region in Gujarat, India.
2. Excellent academic records
3. Admission to an accredited top 100 colleges or universities in U.S.A. (as ranked by the US News www.usnews.com) or the top 25 colleges or universities in Canada (posted on SF website: www.sidhpurfoundation.org)
4. Genuine financial need
5. Thoughtful and coherent educational and career plans
6. Voluntary services to the community

Student loans will be in the form of low-interest loans to cover the tuition fee expenses only (see the Terms and Conditions). The students will be required to repay the loan amount in monthly installments six months after the completion of the desired course/degree program.

Sidhpur Foundation encourages all students who are permanent residents or citizens of United States and Canada to apply for all other available financial aid from government and private sources. Students who are permanent resident or citizens of U.S.A. can apply for government financial aid by completing Financial Aid Form and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as required by the institutions to which they have applied for admission. Applications received from international students residing in the USA or Canada will be considered only after meeting the demand for student loan from international applicants. Students who are already in the USA or Canada on an international student visa status are therefore encouraged to apply for student loans from PMCU or other commercial banks (e.g., Citibank). They will have to provide evidence that all other avenues of financial support have been exhausted, before their application is reviewed by Sidhpur Foundation.

International students are encouraged to apply for Sidhpur Foundation student loans to support their post-graduate degree programs only. Some exceptions may be made for international students who do not have access to good quality undergraduate education in their country of residence.

Application forms can be downloaded from SF website at: <<http://www.sidhpurfoundation.org/Downloads.aspx>>. Completed application forms must be submitted to SF-USA office by April 30 for expected admission in the Fall, Spring or Summer semester of the academic year beginning August of that year.

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