



# *Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center*

## **SV Temple Youth Citizenship Award**

**\$500 Scholarships are available for all High School Seniors across Michigan**

### **PURPOSE**

The Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center ('SVTCC') of Novi is a Hindu temple founded to serve as a spiritual and cultural anchor for the Hindu community. We are focused on "Seva", which is to be of service to all. With a heightened sense of importance on education, we want to encourage and be of support to all students, irrespective of their age, religion, or any other factor. We also believe that a deeper understanding based on one's beliefs in doing good, based on spirituality, religion, or any other metric, can be valuable to all students in helping them realize their dreams, and in becoming a warmer, more compassionate, and valuable member of society. With that sentiment, we invite all students to apply for one or more scholarships that we intend to award each year.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Senior in High School
- 3.2 GPA or higher

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

A committee appointed by the SVTCC will assess applications and award the scholarships to students with the highest scores as per the following scoring guide:

Item	Possible Score
Student Essay	75 points
Academic Standing (GPA)	20 points
Application Accuracy	5 points
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100 points</b>

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. The Youth Citizenship Award information and application are available on the SVTCC website (<http://www.svtemplemi.org/>).
2. Completed application should be emailed to [YCA@svtemplemi.org](mailto:YCA@svtemplemi.org). The email's subject line should be "Youth Citizenship Award Applicant". It should contain the following documents:
  - a. Student Essay
  - b. Transcript
3. All materials submitted will belong to SVTCC and may be published in our newsletter and/or on our website. SVTCC reserves all rights in how this scholarship fund would be administered.
4. Please provide your current official transcript.
5. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m., Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 - NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. Scholarships will be awarded to the selected recipients in May 2024.



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## **STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major or course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for college? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to attend full time or part time? \_\_\_\_\_

All information on this application is truthful and correct.

Student name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT**

I am aware that my son/daughter plans to apply and am encouraging his/her application for this award. In the event that my son/daughter is selected as an award recipient, I give my permission to the SVTCC to release pertinent information, such as name, home school, field of study, photos on the SVTCC website and newsletter, etc., for promotional purposes. Personal information will be kept confidential.

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **STUDENT ESSAY**

Please provide a simple, thoughtful, and personal response to any one of the topics presented below. Your response should be limited to a maximum of two pages. Please use MLA format.

1. What is the importance of prayer in our lives?
2. Are spirituality concepts and religious beliefs different?
3. "May the force be with you!" – discuss and debate in the context of religion.
4. Could Atheism be a form of religion? Why or why not?
5. How could Hinduism contribute more for the growth and welfare of the society?