



## SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

Khalsa Credit Union is a full-service credit union that has been responding to the financial needs of the Sikh community in British Columbia for over 38 years with branches based in Surrey, Abbotsford, Victoria, and Vancouver. KCU has assets of over \$800 million dollars and members enjoy secure, mobile banking technology with access to over 4000 Ding free ATMs across Canada. In addition to providing members with a variety of convenient banking options, Khalsa Credit Union has flexible products and services and provides sound financial advice.

**Mission:** To be the most successful Sikh Credit Union. To care about our community and contribute to Sikh education, culture, and religion. To be environmentally conscious and committed organization that is responsive to member-owners.

**Vision:** To be the Sikh community's first choice for financial services

At Khalsa Credit Union, we have a strong commitment to supporting students and our community, which is reinforced by our scholarship and bursary program. Every year, we remain committed to offering scholarships to high school students who wish to pursue their education at a college or university. This dedication to education is evident in our past contributions of over \$1 million since the program's inception in 1995.

This year, Khalsa Credit Union will be more than \$100,000 in the form of 45 scholarships, with each scholarship worth \$2,500. These scholarships will be distributed among the following six categories:

- *Khoj* - Academic
- *Soorma* - Sports
- *Gurmat Vidhia* - Religious
- *Kalakaar* - Fine Arts + Applied Skills
- *Aasraa* - High School Bursary
- *Aasraa* - University Bursary
- International Student

**Please note that the referee is required to send the completed form to [scholarships@khalsacredit.com](mailto:scholarships@khalsacredit.com) via email no later than April 30, 2025.**

## Section A

Scholarship applicant's name:

Full Name of the student

Referee name:

Referee contact information

How do you know the applicant?

How long have you known the Applicant?

Choose Category of Scholarship:

- Khoj - Academic
- Soorma - Sports
- Gurmat Vidiya - Religious
- Kulakaar - Fine Arts + Applied Skills
- Aasra - Bursary
- International Student

## Section B

*On a scale of 1-4, please rate the candidate on the following aspects.*

Aspects	4 - Exceptional	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Emerging	N/A - Not Enough Knowledge
Leadership					
Respectful					
Integrity/Honesty					
Compassion					
Sense of Responsibility					
Empathy					
Community Service					
Humility					
Work Ethic					

Using the strengths above, or others that come to mind, how would you best describe this applicant and why?

Describe an area of growth for this applicant.

Are there any additional comments or information the committee should consider in assessing this applicant?

**Overall recommendation**

Highly Recommended

Recommended

Recommended with reservation

Not Recommended