

Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial Scholarship Application
Northside Education Foundation
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San Antonio, TX 78238

Samjatha Govindaraju, a beloved sister and daughter, held a very special place in her family's heart. Her sweet spirit drew people towards her, despite the challenges posed by her disability, which rendered her unable to speak or walk. Samjatha's laughter and smile could illuminate any room.

In her memory, the Govindaraju family has established the Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial scholarship for NISD seniors. This scholarship is dedicated to supporting graduating seniors pursuing college degrees in the medical field or special education.

Samjatha's educational journey through NISD, from her earliest days in kindergarten to her high school graduation, was marked by the unwavering dedication of exceptional educators. These educators not only championed Samjatha but also ensured she received a stellar education. In gratitude, the Govindaraju family aims to pave the way for more students to pursue careers in special education, thereby fostering an environment where children like Samjatha can enjoy equally enriching educational experiences.

In addition, she beat the odds and lived a very fulfilling life thanks to the efforts of her team of physicians, therapists, and nurses. Samjatha's journey taught us the immeasurable value of compassion, empathy, and dedicated healthcare professionals who made a positive impact on her life. Through this scholarship, we aim to support and inspire future healthcare leaders, encouraging them to embrace the qualities of empathy and understanding that defined Samjatha's experiences. In doing so, we hope to perpetuate her memory and ensure that her spirit lives on through the compassionate care provided by future generations of medical professionals.

In order to receive the Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial Scholarship, a student must file their application according to the procedures outlined in the application packet. Applications are available from the Northside Education Foundation website under scholarships website. The completed application is due by **March 1, 2024**. 2 winner(s) will be selected from the completed application packets and notified of the award. The scholarship winner will be formally announced and given their certificate prior to graduation.

Criteria for receiving the Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial Scholarship are listed below. The recipient must:

1. Have attended Northside Independent School District for high school.

2. Be a 2024 high school graduating senior
3. Plan on attending a college to prepare for a career in the medical field or special education.
4. Have a complete application packet
5. Deadline of March 1, 2024.

The monetary value of the scholarship is \$1000. Checks will be mailed directly to the college or university that the student will attend in the current academic year. Information will come directly from the Northside Education Foundation (NEF) office on how to receive the monies for the Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial Scholarship.

Complete applications may be submitted in person, by mail or e-mail to:

Northside Education Foundation
Vince Rocha – Office Manager
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San Antonio, TX 78238
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SAMJATHA GOVINDARAJU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2023-2024

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I. PERSONAL DATA

NAME _____
 Last First Middle

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____

ADDRESS _____
 Number and Street City State Zip

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ U.S. CITIZEN ___ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS (if different from above) _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PART III. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT RECORD: (Present and/or Previous)

Employer # 1 _____ Position held _____

Dates: From _____ To _____

Employer # 2 _____ Position held _____

Dates: From _____ To _____

PART IV. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING:

College/University Name and Location Accepted

1st Choice _____ Yes No

2nd Choice _____ Yes No

3rd Choice _____ Yes No

PART V. PERSONAL ESSAY

On a separate sheet or sheets, please write (or type) an essay of 200 – 500 words, describing yourself as a person. Discuss your future academic plans and reasons for pursuing a career in the medical field or special education. Talk about what led you to this decision and people who inspired you to want to be in this career field. Discuss what level of the medical field or special education you aspire to, and any possible specialties in the medical field or special education that attract you. Relate any experiences you have had that led you to believe this will be a satisfying career for you.

PART VI. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Submit one or more letters of reference from school staff members (not a relative) who can speak to your goal of becoming a teacher. The letter should include staff member's name, school, position and relationship to you.

PART VII. CERTIFICATION BY STUDENT AND PARENTS

I hereby apply for the Samjatha Govindaraju Memorial Scholarship to assist in the payment of my tuition expenses while enrolled in an accredited college or university for the 2024-25 academic year. I believe I qualify as a candidate and meet all of the eligibility requirements. The information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. This certification is acknowledged by my parents.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date