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Kirpal Kaur Dhindsa Memorial Scholarship Application

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Beyond being an amazing mother and a doting grandmother, Kirpal Kaur Dhindsa was a fiercely independent and ambitious woman. Born in Haryana, India on September 13th, 1930 to the Bal family, Kirpal was the third of seven children. Her father instilled in them the importance of education and Kirpal was able to graduate with a Double Masters in Science; a strong feat for any woman in India at this time. As a single mother of three children, Kirpal immigrated to Winnipeg, Canada determined to make a better life for her three daughters.

Although moments were trying, she was able to persevere - with her education behind her and through hard work, determination and a strong mind set she was able to build a life for herself and her daughters. Once her children were grown, Kirpal moved with her growing family to Calgary where her four grandchildren attended Bowness High School. She instilled in them the same values she had in her children: compassion, to live honestly and to learn at every opportunity. Kirpal Kaur Dhindsa passed away June 6th, 1997 - a few days after her eldest granddaughter's high school graduation. Kirpal was continuously grateful for all that she was given in life and it is in her name that her family chooses to continue her memory with a scholarship of \$2000 dollars each to high school students in Calgary and area. Education was a key factor in her life and a reason Kirpal was able to support herself and her kids as a new immigrant in Canada. It is the least they can do to show the gratitude they have for having been blessed to have Kirpal in their lives. There are so many lessons that Kirpal taught her children and grandchildren; she was and continues to be an amazing influence in their lives.

Prominent Homes Charitable Organization Ltd. is in its 7th year of the **Kirpal Kaur Dhindsa Memorial Scholarship** and once again, will be granting 45 scholarships to all Calgary and area high schools.

Each school nominates 2 students, who both write a 250 word paragraph on the importance of education and perseverance. A selection committee then reviews the short essays with a grading scale and selects one recipient for every school.



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The requirements of a qualified recipient are below:

- a) Graduating high school in 2014
- b) Registered and Accepted into a Post-Secondary Institution / Continuing education after high school graduation / Upgrading
- c) Have a passion and respect for education as well as willingness and want to learn despite any outside circumstances
- d) An applicant does not have to have the best grades, but they must demonstrate a good work ethic

First Name:

Last Name:

High School:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Expected Post-Secondary Institution:

Expected Area of Study:

Using the requirements listed above; please tell us in 250 words or less, why education is important to you and how your education will shape your future. Every student needs to overcome hardships in order to succeed, help us understand why your perseverance and attitude have helped you get to this point in your life. What events and people have helped you to learn at every opportunity, have compassion for all, and to live honestly?