

## ITA Scholarship Guidelines

India Temple Association (ITA) will award five scholarships to high school seniors whose parent(s)/guardian(s) are current ITA members of good standing. Applications will not be considered for students whose parents are not ITA members. At its discretion, the committee may change the number of available scholarships and the value of each scholarship based on the number of qualified applicants. All ITA Board/Scholarship Committee decisions will be final and not subject to any questions or litigation. All submissions must be postmarked by April 1, 2011. Please mail the following information and supporting documents to Scholarship Committee, 25 East Taunton Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009

**1. Completed application form .**

2. Scholastic Aptitude Test Results (SAT) – 15% weight points.

3. In-school extracurricular activity summary i.e. music, dance, leadership, student council, sports, cultural groups, etc. – 15 weight points.

4. Participation in activities related to Indian culture, i.e. participation in ITA-sponsored activities such as the youth program, painting etc. A consistent attendance record will be given preferential treatment among equally qualified candidates) – 15% weight points.

5. Community services i.e. volunteering at nursing homes, hospitals, walkathon, etc. – 15% weight points.

6. Three copies of an essay (maximum of two typewritten pages) on any of the following topics. – 40% weight points.

A. At a time when the world is most vulnerable to political, economic and social crisis, how can our religion play a unifying or a divisive role?

B. What is the moral responsibility of youth in making the world a peaceful place?

C. Relevance of rituals in Hindu worship.

### **Rubric**

Essays must to be written by students in their own words using correct grammar and syntax. They should be thoughtful, articulate, well developed and persuasive. Students should provide relevant details in support of their viewpoint. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. If you have any questions, please contact Radha Bodapati at (856) 983-6212.