

MONTHLY DONATION FORM

Please check this box if you would like to make regular donations every month commencing on the: _____ (month/date/year): _____ / _____ / _____ (Please allow one month from signature date).

I wish to donate \$40 per month OR
 My preferred amount of \$_____ per month

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You may cancel this monthly donation by informing your Bank and UNITED SIKHS at any time.

To your Bank: Please pay \$_____ each month to UNITED SIKHS, whose details are found below:

Account Name: **UNITED SIKHS**

Bank Name: _____

Account No: _____

Bank Routing Number: _____

Please return this donation form to:
UNITED SIKHS, POB 7203, New York, NY 10116, USA

We may from time to time, allow companies who support our work or other charities to write to you. If you would prefer not to receive these communications, please check this box.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Help Us Continue Our Work
GIVE A RURAL CHILD A SCHOLARSHIP!

UNITED SIKHS, a non-profit, non-governmental, humanitarian relief, human development and advocacy organization, was started in 1999 to help uplift minority and underprivileged communities.

OUR MISSION

To transform underprivileged and minority communities and individuals into informed and vibrant members of society through civic, educational and personal development programs, by fostering active participation in social and economic activity.

Our projects are based on the Sikh tenet of "Sarbat-Da-Bhela" (service for the good of all). UNITED SIKHS uses education as a tool to transform minority communities into informed individuals. We also engage in social and economic activity to uplift communities. Our civil and human rights advocacy projects help protect the integrity of minorities and the underprivileged.

Contact us:

If you require any further information on any of our projects or regarding the organization, please contact us on the following:

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SCHOLARSHIPS AS A TOOL TO ACCELERATE RURAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (STARAE) is your opportunity to help improve the life prospects of rural children in Punjab.

By providing them with a scholarship to a fee-paying school, you are automatically giving rural children with academic potential a brighter future by affording them a standard of education that they would not receive in failing government schools.

STARAE Scholar: Rajwinder Kaur

Rajwinder Kaur came second in her class at the private school sponsored by the STARAE scholarship, scoring a magnificent 95.4%. She is a bright student with excellent potential and has endless opportunities ahead of her. However, the future was not always this bright for Rajwinder.



Right: Rajwinder Kaur (center) starting her homework with her classmates

Before she received the STARAE scholarship, Rajwinder was a weak student at a village government school. Even though she was 7 years old she could not read the alphabet. It was not her fault she seldom attended school because of family problems.

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Title (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-mail: _____

I enclose my **cash/check/money order** (made payable to UNITED SIKHS) for the amount of (please check a box or enter an amount):

\$5 \$15 \$30 \$50 \$100 \$500

Other (please specify): \$

OR

I will be paying a regular monthly donation
(Please fill in our monthly donation form, found on the reverse side of this form)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL DONORS

UNITED SIKHS is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization and donations by United States taxpayers are eligible for tax deductions.

Our Tax ID Number is 11-3483921.

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR THE MONTHLY DONATION FORM

(For those who wish to give a regular donation)

How are the Children Selected?

Scholarships are open to all children of both genders, who meet certain criteria:

- They come from families with limited financial means
- They are of high aptitude, show potential and passion to learn

All children who apply for the STARAE scholarship must pass an entrance test which is set by the STARAE officers. Our officers also verify the family's income status before offering a scholarship.



Right:
Students Teaching Students for the Entrance Test

DONATE \$40 A MONTH

Where will my Donation Go?

Your donation will be used to pay for children's school fees, bus fares, uniforms, books and other material as deemed necessary for their successful integration into their new school and up until they complete their school education.

Project officers also prepare reports to assess the STARAE scholars' progress.

So help us improve the life prospects of village children today!

"The scholarships are benefiting children of a range of ages. At whatever stage the scholarship is helping the student, it is paving the way for them to be the stars that they have the potential to be."
Harjot Kaur, STARAE Project Co-ordinator

What is the STARAE Project?

The STARAE project provides scholarships for bright and needy students studying in state-funded village schools, so they may attend private schools with a good academic track record. This enables children from needy families to excel through educational avenues which would otherwise be closed to them.

"When we talk to those working in the education sector in Panjab, they often despair at the standard of education in government schools and its decline over the last decade."
Anant Singh, STARAE Field Officer

Why Pay for Private Education?

The standard of education in Panjab has started to sharply decline over the last decade. Our research and discussions with school principals and teachers throughout Panjab reveal that teaching levels in government schools are inadequate.

The STARAE project is aimed at improving academic achievement of schoolchildren from villages, where about 70% of the Panjab population lives.

Getting Results!



Right:
Parent of some of the STARAE Scholarship holders at a briefing with UNITED SIKHS director, Dr Mohinder Singh

Most of the children who receive the STARAE scholarships come from families who need their children to help them with chores on their farms and at home, often at the expense of their studies. Parents of STARAE scholars are required to attend a briefing with UNITED SIKHS officers and the school principal where they are encouraged to participate in their child's education.

Teachers at the schools also discuss the children's progress with their parents to identify reasons and solutions for poor performance.