



## BIHAR-JHARKHAND ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

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# Student Excellence Award

## Rules and Guidance

### Award Purpose

Recognize a outstanding high school senior student of Bihar-Jharkhand Origin.

### Award:

BJANA will recognize one student who meets the eligibility criteria listed below. If more than one student meets the criteria, BJANA will select one recipient among the eligible students. BJANA reserves the right not to confer any awards if no student qualifies.

### Scholarships:

**BJANA will select one outstanding student for the award recipients for special recognition and a prize of \$500.**

### Award Eligibility Criteria:

The candidate must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- Must be a High School senior graduating from a high school.
- Must be of Bihar-Jharkhand ancestry or origin (father or mother or grand father or grand mother must be born in Bihar or Jharkhand)
- Parents or Grand parents must be a member of BJANA
- Have a minimum cumulative high school unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a scale of 4 or a class standing in the top 10% (Current Year).
- Highest Score in SAT Examination held by September 30th of the current year.
- Minimum SAT or ACT score of 66%
- Active participation in at least two non-academic extra-curricular activities such as varsity sports, social service / volunteer work, cultural activities etc. (Academic activities such as math league, chemistry club or academic team are not eligible to satisfy this requirement.)
- A brief essay submitted by the candidate on community service (This is not to be determining criteria except by unanimous consent of the Executive Committee).
- A letter from parents outlining the student's achievements and statement of why the student deserves this award.

### Application Procedure:

Students meeting the eligibility requirements must submit the following information to:

**BJANA, Attn: Birendra Kumar, 656 Kenwood Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.**

- Completed application form. Please visit our website [www.bjana.org](http://www.bjana.org) to download additional application forms or instructions.
- A copy of the official high school transcript and SAT or ACT score.

**Postmark deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> for completed applications. Scholarship award will be announced at BJANA Diwali event.**

*All selection decisions of the award recipients by BJANA are final and not open to challenge in any legal or administrative proceeding.*