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### Dear Members,

This year AGAIN the weather has broken all previous records and we have had Spring like weather so far and hopefully we move right into Spring with no snow on the ground. However, the temperatures have been in minus degrees so it has been quiet a start to 2016.

Entertainment\*\*\* we start our year with a Gujarati play "THAPPO" a contemporary comedy starring Indian TV, stage and TV artists. This play has been running successfully in India and other parts of the world.

The Gurjar Annual show is scheduled for May 15, 2016 at Littleton High School

Navratri on Oct 1 and Oct 8 (looking for a new venue)

Diwali – November 12 – Details TBD

Please visit <u>www.gurjar.org</u> for ongoing updates

PLEASE NOTE that starting 2017 we will no longer be accepting life membership. We will be publishing the new membership criteria shortly. Do send us your email so you continue to get updates from us. GURJAR is looking for volunteers to join the committee. So if you love Indian Culture, love community work and want to make a difference please call us.



PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
IF YOU WISH TO CONITUNE TO RECEIVE A NEWSLETTER FROM US
You can send an email to <a href="mailto:eshanishah@gmail.com">eshanishah@gmail.com</a>

Become a member and receive member benefits like free tickets, discounted tickets to GURJAR events as well as other events.

Become a member by visiting <a href="https://www.Gurjar.org">www.Gurjar.org</a>.





# Gurjar Scholarship and Merit Awards - 2016

It is with great pleasure that Gurjar announces yet another year for its scholarship reward program. Gurjar scholarship fund is set-up with contributions from Gurjar members and well-wishers. Gurjar very much relies and appreciates the support of the community for this program. If you wish, feel free to send your contribution checks to Gurjar president or any committee member. Gurjar will award 3 Merit awards to students who have received Top SAT scores. The amounts are \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively. Additionally, Gurjar will also award several Scholarships to qualified students. The students will be ranked based on the following criteria and scholarship will be awarded based on an aggregated score. You can opt not to submit a given document for one or more of the criteria, but in that case, you will be awarded a "0" (zero) score for that criteria. Gurjar will maintain absolute confidentiality of the information that is submitted and will render an un-biased decision. In past, Gurjar has awarded the scholarship to most applicants.

- 1. SAT Score (40% weight)
- 2. GPA (25% weight)
- 3. Commitment and participation for Gurjar activities (15% weight)
- 4. Extra-curricular activity (10% weight)
- 5. Community service and participation (10% weight)

All graduating high school seniors of Gurjar Life members are eligible to apply. Students must submit an essay (300 words or less, type-written on  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" paper) with completely filled application. The topic of the essay is "My contribution to the Indian Community to preserve Indian culture". The essay is not part of a competition, just part of the application process. Some of the essays will be published in Gurjar newsletters and/or Gurjar web site. The essays will become the property of Gurjar. Awards will be announced/presented at an Gurjar event in May/June 2015. The student must be present to receive the award.

Please submit your application on a separate paper, including the following.

- 1. Student Name
- 2. Address and Email
- 3. Attending College
- 4. Parents' Name
- 5. SAT Score and GPA
- 6. High school attended, town, state
- 7. Details for Commitment and participation for Gurjar activities, Extra-curricular activities & Community service and participation

Please send in your application with the essay, no later than April 30th, 2016 at the following address: Deval Kamdar, 5 Germano Way, Andover MA 01810 or you may electronically send the application to <a href="mailto:eshanishah@gmail.com">eshanishah@gmail.com</a>. However make sure you attach all the information stated above.

ONLY LIFE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.

THE MERIT AWARDS ARE SPONSORED BY MS. NILA PANCHOLI

## **ELECTION NOTICE**

As per Gurjar's Constitution, Article VII, an election Committee of three members listed below has been appointed, to handle The Election of the office bearers of Gurjar for the year 2016/2018

Nisha Vora: 35 Wesson Terrace, Northborough, MA 01532 Tel: 508-393-2490
Bipin Parekh: 2 Kastraki Place, Chelmsford, MA 01824 Tel: 978-256-2954
Kishore Shah: 2 Sarah Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824 Tel: 978-244-1240

Open positions are:

**Directors** 

For those of you interested in serving for any of the above positions, please file the form below no later than April 30, 2015 and submit to any of the nominating committee member. As per Gurjar's constitution Article IV Section I, a candidate eligibility requirement is to be a voting member of the association for a minimum of one year.

Declaration of Candidacy Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_
Post interested in: \_\_\_\_\_
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if elected, as an executive committee member I am expected to attend all monthly meetings and actively participate in all Gurjar events.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS for 2016**

Mark your calendars

### **GURJAR ANNUAL SHOW**

GURJAR invites the NEW ENGLAND Community of all Ages to come and perform at our Annual show.

Sunday, May 15 starting 3:30pm at Littleton High School

56 King St, Littleton, MA 01460

Allotted time for each performance: **5 minutes**Age – **All Ages**Participants can be part of one item only

Please send the music to Saroj Madhani — <a href="mailto:sarojmadhani@gmail.com">sarojmadhani@gmail.com</a>
To Register Call: Ramila Thakker 781-229-240 or Saroj Madhani 781-270-0369

Tickets to the event - \$5

(Participants and kids under 12 don't need tickets)

# Sunday, April 10, 2016

Hilarious Gujarati Play "THAPPO" at Woburn High School.

# Sunday, May 15, 2016 GURJAR Annual Show

The event will start at 3:30PM at Littleton High School

### **Navratri**

October I and October 8, 2015. Details TBD.

We also will be having a live GARBA event in the fall - Details to follow.

### **DIWALI**

**November 12, 2016** 

### **Other New England Events**

March 31 – Kaifi aur Mein at Andover Collins

April 3 – INE Multimedia Health Expo – Burlington Marriott

April 23 – Musical Concert at National Heritage Musem a

fundraiser for Asha for Education – Tribute to Lata Mangeshkar

May 8 – A Hindi Play " Chanakya" Woburn High School

August 28 – A Hindi Play at Collins Center

