

## GMC-AMDAANA Scholarships 2025

The Amritsar Medical & Dental Alumni Association of North America (AMDAANA) annually grants scholarships to students of the Government Medical College, Amritsar. These awards are primarily need-based, emphasizing merit-cum-means, while also recognizing academic excellence and extracurricular achievements.

**Parental income cut off from all sources for this year is Rs. 6 lacs.**

There is a special award named **AMDAANA Scholar Award available to students in the MBBS Phase III Part 2**. This is purely based upon merit and overall accomplishments and is open to all students regardless of the parental income.

*Both awards use the same application form.*

### General Information and Instructions for Completing Application

- **Number of Scholarships:** Nine for each class; total of thirty-six for the entire college
- **Award Amount:** Each award is worth Rs. 35,000
- **AMDAANA Scholar Award:** One per year, available to MBBS Phase 3 Part 2-year students only. The Primary criteria is overall merit, extracurricular activities, and exceptional achievements. Worth Rs. 50,000
- **Application Process:**
  1. Applications must be completed with due care and submitted in the fillable form; no other method of submission is acceptable.
  2. The application must display due respect to the process and carefully follow guidelines for the application.
  3. **Essays form the cornerstone** of the application and should be written with utmost care.
  4. Shortlisted scholars will be called for a **personal interview**.
  5. Incomplete applications, and those not following the guidelines and due care will be rejected.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** You must provide details of each extracurricular activity **after admission to GMC Amritsar** and mention clearly what was accomplished with proof (certificates etc.).
- **Deadlines:** All deadlines must be adhered to. If there are any follow-up questions or concerns from either the Scholarship Committee of GMCA or the Scholarship Committee of AMDAANA, those must be addressed by the stated deadline.
- **Essay:** Must strictly adhere to the guidelines below.
- **Personal interview:** Shortlisted candidates who fulfill the required criteria will be called for a personal interview.
- **Penalty:** Applicants who don't meet above guidelines shall be rejected.

### **Required Documents:**

- Photograph
- Copy of the proof of identity.
- Proof of parental income.
- Proofs of extracurricular activities and achievements carried out after **admission to GMC Amritsar. (For new Phase I applicants school level activities may be included)**
- Essay in the proper format (computer typed with double spacing)

### **Guidelines for the essay:**

#### **Purpose of the Essay:**

- Evaluate students' thought process, communication, and writing skills.
- Encourage students to reflect on their motivations for pursuing a medical career, going beyond parental desires.
- Assess students' ability to articulate coherent responses to specific questions.

#### **MBBS Phase I - New Applicants:**

Compose an essay responding to two questions:

1. **Why do you aspire to become a doctor?** Describe the aspects of the profession that attract you and elaborate on why you chose this path despite considering other alternatives. While parental influence might play a role, focus on your personal motivation for joining the medical field.
2. **Why should you be awarded this scholarship?**

***Note: You may explore advanced topics if they relate directly to your experiences and circumstances, though focusing on the first question is advised.***

#### **Applicants from MBBS Phase II & III, Repeat Applicants & AMDAANA Scholar:**

**Write an essay addressing one of the following questions:**

1. **How does society perceive the medical profession?** Is it considered noble, profit-oriented, or something else? Share your perspective and propose ways to enhance its public image, substantiating your view with examples and arguments.
2. **In the event of a mistake during patient care, how should you proceed?** Discuss the nature of the error, the individuals it should be discussed with, and whether the patient/family should be informed. Outline steps to rectify and prevent such errors in the future.
3. **Reflect on your journey through medical school:** Has it solidified your desire to become a doctor, or do you now question your initial choice? Justify your stance with relevant experiences and reasons.

**Expectations from the essay:**

- Demonstrate original thought to evaluate your thought process and writing proficiency.
- Plagiarism from Internet sources, fellow students, Artificial Intelligence tools like CHAT-GPT

**will result in rejection of your application.**

- Emphasize substance over flowery language; genuine effort is valued over superficial eloquence.

**Honest Effort:**

- Craft your essay with sincerity, diligence, and thoughtful consideration.
- Reflect on the questions deeply and respond genuinely.

**Importance of the Essay:**

- The essay holds significant weight in evaluating and ranking your application.

**Final Decision:**

**The decision of the Scholarship Committees at GMC, Amritsar and Scholarship Committee AMDAANA-USA are conclusive and binding.**

Please fill in the application, print, sign and submit it to **Sh. Arun Bhagi**, PA to Principal, Director-Principal's Office, Government Medical College, Amritsar.

**The last date of receipt of applications is 30th June, 2025.**