

## **ICEC Educational Financial Assistance Program**

Interest-Free Loans: The purpose of this program is to give interest-free loans (up to \$2000.00 per person) to students of Indian origin, who have difficulty in completing their education without financial help but are in good academic standing. A financial aid is given to students of Indian origin in an emergency situation where not only the education, but also the very existence (lack of money for food or paying bills) of the student is at critical stage.

Awards: Currently, there are three awards: Rahul Agarwal Memorial Award, Vinod Pillai Memorial Award, and Suvarna Shah Memorial Award. These awards (\$300 each) are given to UF students of Indian origin based on their service to the community.

Program Administration: The program is coordinated by the Educational Financial Assistance Committee. The current members are: Dr. R. Nagda, Dr. D.O. Shah, Dr. L. C. Garg, Mr. Ashok Jain, and Dr. Bhavani Sankar. The committee approves all loans and awards. Any student of Indian origin may apply any time for a loan to any member of the committee. The application should include the name, address, university transcripts, a statement of circumstances for needing the loan, and a recommendation from an ICEC member. The students should apply for the memorial awards only when the committee invites the nominations for these awards.

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