

# Maharani Jind Kaur Student Award

## Guidelines

The Maharani Jind Kaur student award is a joint project between naujawani and the Sikh Education Council with the aim of encouraging undergraduate students to reflect upon current affairs from a Sikh perspective. Entrants are invited to write an essay on a set topical issue, basing their argument on principles derived from Sikh history, culture and ideology. The award is named in honour of the most recent queen of undivided Punjab, Maharani Jind Kaur, whose vision and resolute commitment to the inalienable sovereignty of the Panth is a standard which every Sikh should aim to emulate.

Entrants must provide their essay and a covering letter by email, no later than the deadline date given

The essay must be typed in double-spacing; the title, word count and entrant name should head the document.

Any form of plagiarism will disqualify your submission - use quotes and give credit where appropriate, providing references.



Save your document as a pdf file for the purposes of submission - do not send any other format of document.



Citations and sources can be listed using any style; do not simply list a bibliography alone in closing.



Write your essay with the aim of the award in mind, following the simplified formatting guidelines detailed above



Write a covering letter that confirms your name, undergraduate degree programme, institution of study and contact details



Ensure that this essay is solely your work and enclose the self-declaration provided as part of your covering letter



Attach the essay and covering letter for submission by email to [info@naujawani.com](mailto:info@naujawani.com) - subject 'Maharani Jind Kaur Student Award'

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Successful entrants will demonstrate that they have carefully considered the aim of the Maharani Jind Kaur student award, namely to reflect upon current affairs from a Sikh perspective. The highest ranking essays will exemplify principles derived from Sikh history, culture and ideology in the context of answering the question. **Applicants are invited to submit an essay before the deadline of 5pm on 30 September, 2024, of between 2,500 and 3,500 words (excluding references and footnotes) answering the essay question:**

HOW DOES A SUB-STATE NATION FIT INTO A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WORLD GOVERNED BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS?

In addition to your essay, your covering letter should contain all of the relevant information we need to:

- (1) ascertain that you are eligible to submit an essay - we may check enrolment with your institution;
- (2) contact you as required for the purposes of feedback and publishing;
- (3) confirm that the essay is solely your own work by including the declaration below.

I declare that I have been enrolled in an undergraduate degree programme at a higher education institution in the United Kingdom for the entirety of the 2023-2024 academic year and am submitting this essay solely as my own work. I understand that if my declaration of entry is inaccurate, or if I am found to have committed plagiarism in my essay, I shall be required to pay back any award monies and present myself before the Guru's sangat to apologise and accept an appropriate sanction.

## Prizes

The recipient of the award will receive prize money of £2000, with a first runner-up receiving £500 and others sharing £500.

## Award

Winners will be expected to participate in an event to receive their award and any associated publicity.

## Published

All essays - not only the award winner - may be published by naujawani and the Sikh Education Council at our discretion.