

#### Namaste

We welcome you to the Generation OM Annual Fundraiser Banquet and Scholarship Award Night. Generation OM's stated aim is to provide scholarships to Hindu American undergraduate students while providing them with tools and activities that support their education and understanding of Hinduism and its values. College scholarships are currently being awarded to students based in Central Florida.

This year, Generation OM's Board of Directors selected four outstanding Hindu American students to receive the Generation OM Scholarships. Two of them will begin their quest for an undergraduate degree at The University of Florida, one at The University of Miami and one at the California Institute of Technology. The successful applicants had achieved very strong GPAs and had been involved in numerous community volunteer projects. Reading their Generation OM scholarship applications and responses to being a Hindu in America along with their answers to the summary points of view was indeed a pleasure.

With this award there are now seven Hindu American students receiving the Generation OM Scholarships. We know that we are on the right track of attracting the best Hindu American Hindu students residing in Central Florida.



You will soon meet the successful American Hindu students who have been awarded the Generation OM's Scholarships.

Friends, we do need your help. With your help, we can build a better tomorrow, a better life and a better society. Your donations will continue to help us provide scholarships to Hindu American students who are undertaking undergraduate degrees and help them gain a better understanding of Hinduism and it's far reaching effects on all aspects of life.

Hindu American students who receive Scholarship are expected to adhere to the Generation OM Mission statement and become Youth Ambassadors for the organization and take an active part in our events. They will exemplify a life of peace and harmony with all communities in America and become role models for the Hindu community; they will show how to function in "America's Society," and retain their ethnic Hindu identity and culture.

Donate generously and help us support and educate our Hindu American students, preparing them for the changes and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the quest to

make our world a better and peaceful place.

## What type of Scholarship Is Generation OM awarding?

Generation OM Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded to Hindu American undergraduate students (currently those based in Central Florida). Scholarships are "Merit" based and not "Needs" based. Our scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and are paid annually (over 4 years). Recipients have to continue to qualify annually and be in compliance with the Generation OM eligibility requirements in order to continue to receive the scholarship.

## Who decides which students receive the Scholarship?

Upon receipt of eligible, complete and on time applications, they are scanned and all evidence of the applicant's personal detail is deleted prior to it being sent by e-mail to the Generation OM Board of Directors, External Advisors and selected Community Hindu professionals for their review and ranking amongst all valid submissions. Depending upon these findings, applicants are selected for personal interview with the Generation OM Board members. If they are successful in their quest for the Generation OM Scholarship, the Generation OM Board has a chance during the interview to determine whether the base scholarship needs to be increased depending upon the individual student's needs, even though that is not the starting criteria.

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Anil Deshpande, president of Deshpande, Inc., is a prominent businessman in the United States and India. He and his wife Chitra have supported UCF programs related to India and other international initiatives during the past several years. They were eager to help the university enhance its connections with India.

"The United States is the superpower, and India is an emerging power. Both are important democracies of the world," Anil Deshpande said. "We have made this endowment to enable the creation of a program that promotes understanding and expanded relations between the two." <a href="http://news.ucf.edu/UCFnews/index?page=article&id=0024004144fcb4">http://news.ucf.edu/UCFnews/index?page=article&id=0024004144fcb4</a> b10117ade51f2a0079d9

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Generation OM, a nonprofit organization, received some excellent applications for the CY 2011 Generation OM Scholarships Awards. The Board of Directors and External Board Advisors reviewed the applications in detail and conducted detailed interviews with selected Applicants. After careful consideration and deliberation, the Board of **Directors of Generation OM** selected four successful applicants to receive the Generation OM Scholarship.

The Generation OM Scholarships are to be awarded on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Annual Fundraising Banquet and Scholarships Awards Night.

Generation OM is a
Florida based 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that rewards academic excellence to college bound high school students while providing resources to help students develop a better understanding of their Hindu culture and family values. This organization is supported by community donations and by a dynamic Board of Directors and External Board Advisors who all believe in the Mission Statement.

## By alpha order of last name, the successful applicants are:



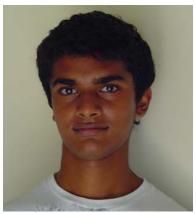
Ruchi Jahagirdar

Graduating senior at Seminole High School, Sanford

### College: California Institute of Technology



Sohani Kasireddy
Graduating senior at Paul J.
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If you are a graduating American Hindu student residing in Central Florida and Collage bound. We are offering Scholarships up to

\$6,000.00

### You must apply by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

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