



Gujarati Samaj of NSW Inc Benevolent Fund

Gujarati Samaj of NSW is one of the largest ethnical Indian community organization. The Gujarati Samaj has now more than 1200 family members, mainly residing in Sydney and surrounding towns/ suburbs in NSW.

Gujarati Samaj of NSW aims to provide:

- a platform for social exchange, entertainment, recreation and mutual support and assistance among members
- provides assistance and information (wherever and however possible) to new Gujarati migrants to the area.

For many new migrants and students from Gujarat, when they arrive to this new, unknown country, face number of challenges especially on social, cultural and economic front. These challenges are greater when the new migrant has no local contacts, friends or families to provide assistance and guidance.

In last few years, unfortunately some of our Gujarati community members have had emergencies such as major accident, fire, life threatening illness etc. which have resulted in greater financial and psychological pressures.

Gujarati Samaj of NSW Inc has decided to assist such "**family in need**" and have decided to create a fund to support such families in a modest way.

The details are as under:

Name of the Fund: Gujarati Samaj of NSW Inc benevolent fund.

The Objective:

- Benevolent Fund makes difficult times a little easier.
- The Gujarati Samaj of NSW Inc. benevolent fund would offer support to those who may experience unexpected hardship due to serious illness, accident or accidental death.
- A little financial help in their extreme difficult time. It is not intended that the fund should be used merely as a means of coping with financial hardship.

Allocation:

- A set amount for the Benevolent Fund shall be set aside.
- This fund shall be managed by Gujarati Samaj of NSW Executive Committee nominated team under separate account head. This fund shall not be utilized for cultural, recreational or any other purpose.
- Money within the fund shall be used for benevolent purpose. Gujarati Samaj shall welcome donations for this noble cause.

**Beneficiary/ Eligibility:**

- Only **current** members of Gujarati Samaj of NSW Inc.
- The membership criteria and eligibility shall be strictly observed. The beneficiary should have been the active member and must have membership paid in full when applying.
- **Other criteria:** 1. Only Gujarati Samaj member and their immediate family member/s are covered. 2. They must be residing together with the member, at the nominated member's address in NSW 3. The applicant should have been a member for at least 6 months and have regularly continued his/ her membership.

Limitation:

- Maximum assistance per case / event shall be AUD 2000.
- Maximum five cases per year shall be covered.

Procedure:

Application addressed to the President; Gujarati Samaj of NSW with full details, two referee and justification.

For further details:

1. Jignesh Shah; President Gujarati Samaj of NSW
2. Yogesh Desai; Secretary Gujarati Samj of NSW