

LHFASD Education Committee



Presents

Higher Education Scholarship

APPLICATION

Postmarked by: December 1, 2015

*Please type or write **neatly** and **legibly** in **blue** or **black** ink*

Student Information

Name: _____ Gender: F M
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Telephone:(____)_____-_____ Cell phone:(____)_____-_____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____ / ____ / ____ Country of birth: _____

Are you a first generation college-bound student? Yes No

Parent Ethnicity (choose all that apply and if possible, specify ethnic origin)

Father: Hmong Other, Specify: _____

Mother: Hmong Other, Specify: _____

School Information

High School / College Attending: _____

High School / College Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____



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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

How did you hear about the Higher Education Scholarship?

- Clan Leader
- Parent(s)
- Peer(s)
- Online
- School
- Other _____

Postsecondary School Information

Applying for (please check only one):

- 4 years College/University
- Graduate School
- 2 years Community College

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend or currently attending. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names. Do **NOT** use abbreviations.

Name _____ City _____

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Major or Course of Study _____

Provide Official Transcript

An official transcript of grades **must** be included in this application packet. Grade reports are not acceptable. Transcripts may be obtained from the Registrar’s Office at your high school or college.

Essay Instructions

The student is to write a double-spaced typed essay of at least 3 pages on the following topics. Make sure your name appears on every page of your essay.

PART 1: (Answer the following question)

- **What are some of the challenges do you think the Hmong community in San Diego faces? How do these challenges affect you personally?**

PART 2: (Answer the following question)

- **What ideas do you have to overcome them and how do you see your role in working with the community?**

Your essay must be your own original creative work. Essay will be evaluated on clarity, grammar, and content.



Application Certification

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
- If selected, I understand I must attend and arrive on time at the **2015-2016 Hmong New Year**. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
- I understand falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.
- I understand my discontinuation of college, may lead to repayment of the scholarship amount at the discretion of Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego.
- I authorize Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego to publish photographs and other media of myself under reasonable means.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Postmarked by: December 1, 2015

Mail or Bring Application to:

Attention: *LHFASD Higher Education Scholarship*

Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego

P.O. Box 712471

San Diego, CA 92171

Cher Pao Yang: 619.922.2146 or email it: scholarship@lhfasd.org



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HOW TO APPLY

Applicant must complete a LHFA Scholarship Application Form, which can be obtained from the LHFA Education Committee or at www.lhfasd.org.

Application must include a copy of the following:

1. Official transcript including the first semester of their High School senior year or all college courses.
2. One personal essay (and attach a page of extra-curriculum and leadership activities)
3. Optional one letter of recommendation

About the SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarships Program will award scholarships as follow.

1. Up to three (3) \$250 scholarships known as Higher Education scholarship will provide financial assistance during any year of college at a four-year accredited-college or graduate school.
2. Up to four (4) \$500 scholarships known as Presidential Higher Education scholarship will provide financial assistance for any year of college at a two-year, technical, trade college or graduate school.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scholarships will be awarded to Hmong children in the San Diego County. The parent(s) must have three or more consecutive years of continuous residency in the San Diego County to be eligible.

To qualify for the scholarships, a student must be accepted to an accredited two-year, technical, trade or four-year college or university during the term immediately following high school graduation or enrolled at a two-year, technical, trade college or graduate school.

STANDARDS FOR SELECTION

Candidates for the Higher Education scholarships will be evaluated on the following standards:

1. **Academic Achievement:** The high school official academic transcript of each candidate will count heavily in the choice of scholarship winners. Candidates will be expected to have sufficient credits to begin undergraduate work. Candidates must be in a college preparatory or higher program and have maintained a minimum 3.0 ("B") grade point average based on a weighted scale.
2. **Community Services and Extra-curriculum:** Community involvement, services and extra-curriculum will also be counted.

In addition to Academic Achievement and Community Services and Extra-curriculum, candidates for the Presidential scholarships will also be evaluated on the following standards:

3. **Leadership:** Demonstrated qualities of leadership, either in school or community activities will be heavily evaluated.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

At the end of the school quarter or semester, all scholarship winners must forward their academic transcript or record to the LHFA Secretary of Education. In order to remain eligible, each winner will expected to maintain a 2.0 ("C") grade point average.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarships Committee is under the directions of the LHFA Secretary of Education and President. They will form a committee to evaluate and interview the qualified applicants.