



HAP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP 2016 – 2017

Hmong American Partnership scholarships are given to Hmong students in Minnesota who have demonstrated leadership and academic excellence. Scholarships are given in two categories.

- 1. Leadership Scholarships** are given to high school seniors graduating in the Spring 2015 who will be entering their first year of college in the Fall of 2015. Applicants for the Leadership Scholarships are asked to seek a possible mentor to develop students' skills in forming professional and mentoring relationships.
- 2. Non-traditional Student Scholarships** are needs-based scholarships given to college students who are also parents age 22 years or older and who have demonstrated leadership and academic excellence.

Scholarships are awarded once and must be used within two years from the awarded semester.

Awards are forwarded directly to the college/university in which the students are enrolled in during the Fall of 2016.

NOTE: Current board members, staff, and their family members are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be Hmong to apply.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the **Leadership Scholarship** please submit the following items:

- A professional essay of 350 words or less stating which scholarship you are applying for. This essay must include your leadership roles and plans for your career and leadership development. Remember to include your name, address, phone number and email address.
- An official transcript showing a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (weighted).
- A letter of reference from a current teacher.
- A letter from a potential mentor who has agreed to mentor the applicant during his or her college or professional career. The potential mentor may not be a HAP board member or HAP employee.

Non-traditional Student Scholarships

To apply for the **Non-traditional Student Scholarship** please submit the following items:

- A professional essay of 350 words or less stating which scholarship you are applying for. This essay must include your leadership roles and plans for your career and leadership development, and addresses why the need for this scholarship. Remember to include your name, address, phone number and email address.
- An official transcript showing a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (weighted).
- A letter of reference from a current or past College Instructor or Advisor/Guidance Counselor commenting on your academic performance.
- A copy of your signed 2013 or 2014 income tax return.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please mail completed application packet to: HAP
Scholarship Application Committee
Attn: Kevin Xiong
1075 Arcade Street
Saint Paul, MN 55106.

Packet must be postmarked by April 1, 2016. Recipients will be notified by email on April 30, 2016. For questions please email Kevin Xiong at kevinx@hmong.org.