



United Hmong Education Foundation

2023 Scholarship Fund Program

Guidelines

The United Hmong Education Foundation (UHEF) is dedicated to helping Hmong youth to attend to and succeed in the educational arena. The belief that “every child can and will learn with the proper educational resources” is echoed throughout the Foundation’s work. United Hmong Education Foundation facilitates partnerships with key stakeholders to increase academic achievement of youth.

The **Mission** of United Hmong Education Foundation is to BUILD a collaborative network of diverse stakeholders to IMPROVE the quality of education in the targeted communities.

The **Vision** of United Hmong Education Foundation is empowering the youth in the designated area with need-based educational resources.

The **Purpose** of the **UHEF Zong Cheng Hawj Scholarship Fund** and **UHEF FUTURE Scholarship Fund** is to provide scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors intending to pursue a course of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution.

For 2023, the UHEF Zong Cheng Hawj Scholarship Fund’s award ceiling is \$3,000. UHEF will award scholarships, ranging in amounts from \$500 - \$3,000 per award, based on applicant’s college/university choice and how many applicants. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution and class schedule submitted for fund disbursement. Scholarship funds will be distributed at the beginning of each school Semester, with 50% of funds for each disbursement.**

Criteria and eligibility (UHEF Zong Cheng Hawj Scholarship Fund applicants)

1. Applicant must be a Hmong descent.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (or a “C” average).
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and desires to attend college.
5. Applicants may not be immediately related to any Board of Directors or Leadership Team.

For the UHEF FUTURE Scholarship Fund, UHEF will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 - \$5,000 per award. For returning scholarship recipients, scholarships may be renewed if the recipient has met renewal criteria. The total number of renewals will be determined by the UHEF Scholarship Committee.

Criteria and eligibility (UHEF FUTURE Scholarship Fund applicants)

1. Applicant must be a Hmong descent.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (or a “C” average).
4. Applicant must have a desired college major in Science, Technology, or Engineering.
5. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and desires to attend college.
6. Applicants may not be immediately related to any Board of Directors or Leadership Team.

Criteria and eligibility (returning recipients)

1. Applicant must be a recipient of the UHEF Scholarship Fund Program.
2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year educational institution.
3. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (or a “C” average).
4. Applicants may not be immediately related to any Board of Directors or Leadership Team.

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications must be postmarked by **April 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at <https://www.theuhef.org/>.
5. You will be notified by mail in June regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email the foundation at theuhef@gmail.com.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant’s experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average.
5. Personal Essay. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman font.

Application Renewal Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (i.e. college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of college instructors, advisors, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant’s experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent college transcript with cumulative grade point average.
5. Personal Essay. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.

How has attending college impacted your life?

6. In addition to the above items, applicant must also complete at least 40 hours of community service. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter.

Deadline for the application is **April 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail application to below address or email to theuhf@gmail.com:

UHEF Scholarship Fund Program
United Hmong Education Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
9011 Mira Mesa Blvd., Ste. 223
San Diego, CA 92126

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Scholarship Fund Program

Application 2023

Please check all that apply.

- Zong Cheng Hawj
 UHEF FUTURE
 Returning Recipient

Date of Application: _____


Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____												
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____													
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____													
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year													
5.	Are you related to any of UHEF Board of Directors or staff? (Please circle) Yes No													
6.	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended: _____												
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2022</u> : _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the college or university.													
8.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center;"> Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior </div>													
9.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.													
10.	Have you taken the ACT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____ SAT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____													
11.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____													
12.	Name and city of other high schools attended: _____	Number of years attended: _____												
13.	List the name of any college you have attended.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Year Began</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Year Ended</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Year Graduated (If applicable)</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Type of Degree Received (If applicable)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)								
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	A.													

	B.					
	C.					
14.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?					
15.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)					
	A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$			
	B.	Books:	Amount: \$			
	C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$			
	D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments		
Comments:						
16.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)					
	A.	Personal:	Amount: \$			
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$	List below under comments		
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$	List below under comments		
	C.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$	List below under comments		
	D.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$	List below under comments		
Comments:						

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.

17.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:
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18.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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19.	<p>Personal Essay Please answer the following question: What are your educational and professional goals and objectives? (<i>UHEF Zong Cheng Hawj and FUTURE Scholarship Fund applicants only</i>) How has attending college impacted your life? (<i>Returning recipients only</i>) This question must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.</p>
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20.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	Letter to Scholarship Committee. Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
	YES	NO	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter and upcoming class schedule is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> , if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
	YES	NO	Personal Essay. Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to United Hmong Education Foundation Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____



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