



2023 Thao United of MN Scholarship

6 Scholarships Available!

Guidelines

Thao United of MN is a Non-profit Organization whose purpose is to serve the Thao Clan and the community at large. The Thao United of MN Youth Program will be awarding six (6) \$500 scholarships to eligible students. These students must: (a) be planning on going to college, (b) continuing undergraduate studies, or (c) planning on attending or continuing graduate work at colleges or universities in the 2023 to 2024 academic school year. Additionally, recipients must be a Thao Progeny. For more information about the scholarship process or application, please visit Thao United of MN Youth at <www.ThaoUnited.com>.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- * Seeking graduating seniors or current College Students with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and/or participation in extracurricular school activities.
- * Recipients of Thao United of MN Scholarships will have volunteer obligation time to the Thao United of MN Youth or Organization either while in school or after they have completed their studies.
- * Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, total family annual income under \$100,000 and plans to attend higher education either in a technical or college setting.
- * Scholarship funds will be awarded **on Saturday, October 28, 2023 during the annual Thao United of MN Hmong New Year**. The recipient or family members must be present to receive the award.
- * Applicants must have a letter of recommendation from their **Guidance Counselor, Teacher, or Professor** attached to their application. Application deadline is **October 21st, 2023 at 11:59pm**.

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to: Thao United of MN Youth (*This includes application with signoff by counselor or Teacher or Professor, 347 University Ave essay, resume, and school transcript.*) Saint Paul, MN 55102

The applications will be reviewed and recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of volunteers from Thao United of MN. The scholarships will be awarded on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Please submit any questions via text to: **Tiger Thao at (651) 724-0285**.

THAO UNITED OF MN YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023

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Please **type** your answers.

1. Last Name: First Name:

2. Mailing Address
Street:
City: State: Zip:

3. Daytime Telephone Number:
Email Address:

4. Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:

5. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)
Please attach a copy of your transcript with your application.

6. Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___

7. Name of current school:
Name of school for the next academic year (if different from current school):

8. **(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)** A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in High School or College:

B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:

C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend or currently attending, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:</p> <p>C. Major:</p>
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10.	List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2018 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$
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11.	<p>Is your <u>parent or legal guardian</u> a member of Thao United of MN? Yes_____ No_____ If your answer is 'yes' please answer A, B, C below. If your answer is 'no' go to item 13.)</p>
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12.	A.	His/her full name:		
	B.	Phone #:	C.	Role in Thao United of MN:

13.	<p>Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</p> <p>Name(s): _____</p> <p>Street: _____ City: _____</p> <p>_____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____</p> <p>_____ Work phone: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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14.	<p>Provide a typed essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:</p> <p>Describe how volunteering and community service has shaped who you are today. How has volunteering taught you? In addition, what obstacles and challenges have you overcome in your life that will help you be successful in college and in life? Finally, discuss how you will give back to the community and Thao United of MN; in order to help future generations.</p>
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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 if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Thao United of MN Youth Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Thao United of MN Youth Scholarship policy; either a family member or **I will be present** at awards ceremony or reception, on **October 28, 2023** to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications (or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria) will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

For High School graduates only:

By signing below, I am (we are) aware of my child's applying for Thao United of MN Scholarship and fully have our support.

Parents or Guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR / TEACHER / PROFESSOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to Thao United of MN Youth Program.

Name of Guidance Counselor or Teacher submitting the application: _____

Education Institute / School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor or Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist:

- Application
- For High School graduates, Letter of acceptance from College
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Guidance Counselor or Teacher or Professor signature
- School Transcript

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THAO UNITED OF MN YOUTH AT:

**Thao United of MN Youth Program
347 University Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55102**

REMINDER:

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