



2026 Thao United of MN Scholarship

10 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 ten (10) \$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 2026 to 2027 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 (<http://www.thaounitedofminnesota.org/forms-applications>)

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, July 11, 2026 during the annual Thao United of MN Picnic.*** 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 ***July 3, 2026 at 11:59pm.***

Please email a complete, typed application package—including the signed application form (signed by a counselor, teacher, or professor), essay, resume, and school transcript—to both of the following contacts:
Soob Muas Thao, Youth Coordinator: Moua.thao@gmail.com
Chi Nou Thao, Secretary: chinou.vang94@gmail.com

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, **July 11, 2026.**

Please submit any questions via text to: **Soob Muas Thao at (651) 334-7241.**

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 2024 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 _____</p> <p>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):</p> <p>(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>
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<p>14. 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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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

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 **July 11th, 2026** 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

EMAIL THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THAO UNITED OF MN YOUTH AT:

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REMINDER:

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Youth Office is: July 3, 2026 at 11:59pm.