

WAUSAU AREA H.O.P.E. HMONG WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The Wausau Area H.O.P.E. Hmong Women Scholarship was established by the H.O.P.E. (Hmong Organization for the Promise of Enrichment) Women to award scholarships to able and deserving minority women based on scholastic ability, personal integrity, and evidence of desire to better the community. The scholarships are open to Hmong women who are residents of the greater Wausau area. High school graduating seniors and currently enrolled college students are eligible to apply.

APPLICATIONS PROCESS AND DEADLINE:

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at www.cfncw.org. Click the "Apply Now" / Grants Scholarships button on the top menu bar; then go to the left-side menu and click on "Scholarships"; you can then click on the "Apply Online" button anywhere you see it on the page to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

Your application must include:

- Transcript of grades
- List of extracurricular activities and community service (downloadable form online)
- One reference letter

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

A Selection Committee designated by the Community Foundation will review the applications

and choose the scholarship recipient. Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Hmong woman from the greater Wausau area
- Embrace the Hmong culture and act as a positive role model for younger girls
- Exhibit character, motivation, and/or experience in overcoming obstacles
- Display a desire to better the community
- Carry a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student and work toward an associate, bachelor, or masters degree in the upcoming school year

Applications from high school students will be evaluated separately from those of college students.

The Selection Committee, monitored by the Community Foundation, will include representation of the Wausau Area HOPE Hmong Women's group and the community at large. Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:

The recipient/s will be announced in the spring. They will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The recipient is required to write a letter of appreciation to the members of H.O.P.E. Women.

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the school the student will be attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated.

For more information, you can contact the Community Foundation office:

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