

CHIA VANG & CHUE LOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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BACKGROUND

The family of Chia Vang and Chue Lor established this scholarship fund to keep their family name alive forever through the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. Chia and Chue's children, Bao, Yeng, Mai Lou, Mee, and Thomas, love and respect their parents as role models who taught them the importance of "striving for the best." Many of the values they taught their children were based on their Hmong heritage and traditions while adjusting to their new American lifestyle.

Chia was born on September 9, 1933 in Laos and Chue was born in Laos on September 17, 1938. They relocated to the United States on July 30, 1986, settling in St. Paul, Minnesota. They became American citizens in 2000. Chia was taken to his heavenly home on September 29, 2015.



Chai Vang and Chue Lor

Chia Vang filled his life with many activities including hunting, fishing, cooking, and caring for and loving his children and grandchildren. His desire was to teach his children the importance of education and to love God. He lived by the words of Proverbs 3:6, *"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."* He was respected and sought out as an herbalist. Chue enjoyed reading Hmong folk tales and the Bible, as well as gardening. One of her goals was to be a positive role model for her children and grandchildren and to teach them to find God. Chia and Chue spent a majority of their time helping their family and friends in any way possible. They lived their lives following the words found in Mark 12:30-31, *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."*

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Chia Vang and Chue Lor Scholarship Fund was initiated in December of 2008 to annually award scholarships to able and deserving Southeast Asian graduating high school seniors from Central Senior High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. The scholarship will be awarded to a humanitarian student who demonstrates service to their community, tolerance of cultural differences, and respect for their elders. The student must plan to pursue an education at a four-year college or university in any field of study within the year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND PROCESS

Students interested in applying for this scholarship must complete the scholarship application form which is available through the Central Senior High School guidance office or website and submit it to the guidance office by the stated deadline. The application will include an essay reflecting the student's personal experiences and views on their role in caring for the elderly. A Scholarship Selection Committee appointed by the school and monitored by the Community Foundation will review the applications and recommend the recipient to be approved by the Foundation's board of directors. The recipient will be announced at the high school's senior awards ceremony in the spring.

Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation Board of Directors, and its staff.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Students will be chosen for this scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Able and deserving graduating high school senior from Central Senior High School in St. Paul, Minnesota
- Preference will be given to Southeast Asian students
- Must have demonstrated volunteerism and service to their community
- And, demonstrate respect for the elderly population
- The student must plan to attend a 4-year college or university as a full-time student within the upcoming year pursuing a degree in any field of study

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT

The recipients will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremonies in the spring. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, including instructions for initiating their scholarship payment.

Payment of scholarship funds will be made by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin directly to the college or university the scholarship recipient is attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office before payment will be initiated.

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


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