



HMONG COMMUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

To award scholarships to outstanding graduating high school seniors and current college students, of Hmong descent, from Marathon, Lincoln, or Shawano Counties, who are pursuing a college degree in any field of study.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting www.cfoncw.org. Click on "Grants & Scholarships" / "Scholarships" / "Apply Online Now" 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. Choose the appropriate application from the menu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters (letters from family members will not be accepted)

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Resident of Marathon, Lincoln, or Shawano Counties (Wisconsin);
- U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (with a green card);
- Hmong descent;
- Accepted as a full-time college student in the fall;
- Graduating high school senior with a GPA of 3.2 or higher (or equivalent)
- (OR) Current undergraduate student with a GPA of 2.8 or higher (or equivalent);
- Demonstrate concern and commitment to improving the Hmong community

AWARDS

Four scholarships, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded. Two will be awarded to high school graduating seniors and two to current college students (traditional or non-traditional), pursuing an undergraduate degree in an approved program of study at an accredited college or university.

Students are only allowed to receive this award once.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Dream Big scholarship fundraising event in April. The recipients will be announced at that event. High school seniors may also be recognized at their high school senior awards ceremony.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. The Foundation will make payment directly to the college or university the student is attending.

In 2007, the Hmong American Center, previously known as the Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association, established the Hmong Community Higher Education Scholarship to recognize academic excellence among Hmong students, and to encourage Hmong professionals graduating from college to return to the central Wisconsin area.

In 2016, those funds were transferred to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin and the *Hmong Community Higher Education Scholarship Fund* was established.

Community leaders who set up this fund believe that education is the key to knowledge and success.

A major purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to return to our area to reside and to step into professional and leadership roles within the community in ways that positively impact the Hmong community as well as the community at large.

Fund Established within the Community Foundation in 2016

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