

HMONG COMMUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



FUND BACKSTORY . . .

The Hmong Community Higher Education Scholarship Fund was created to celebrate academic achievement and to invest in the future leadership of the Hmong community in central Wisconsin.

Originally established in 2007 by the Hmong American Center, formerly known as the Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association, the scholarship recognized the hard work and accomplishments of Hmong students pursuing higher education. Its founders shared a vision: to support Hmong students in achieving their educational goals and to encourage graduates to return to the central Wisconsin area as professionals and leaders.



In 2016, the scholarship funds were transferred to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, ensuring that the program would continue to grow and benefit future generations. Community leaders who established this fund firmly believed that education is the key to knowledge, empowerment, and long-term success.

The purpose of this scholarship extends beyond financial assistance. It serves as an enduring call for students to bring their talents home - to build careers, strengthen families, and serve as role models within the Hmong community and the region at large. By supporting higher education, the fund helps cultivate a generation of leaders who will continue to advance opportunities, cultural pride, and community progress throughout central Wisconsin.

ELIGIBILITY

- Identifies with Hmong descent
- Graduating high school senior or college undergraduate
- From Marathon, Lincoln, or Shawano counties

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- High school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or greater and college undergraduates with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or greater will be prioritized
- Demonstration of concern and commitment to improving the Hmong community