



Hmong Oregon Scholarship Fund

Hmong American Community of Oregon (HACO) supports and prioritizes the pursuit of higher education for Hmong youth. HACO provides \$1000 scholarships to two Oregon graduating high school seniors each year. Scholarship funds will be distributed to the recipient's college/university account by request.

Application requirements:

- Graduating high school senior in the state of Oregon
- Pursuing a degree at an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university
- GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be of Hmong descent
- Answer to essay question
- High school transcript
- 2 Recommendation letters

Students may submit a paper application packet *or* apply online by February 1, 2021. Please mail paper applications to: Attn: Hmong Oregon Scholarship Fund, Hmong American Community of Oregon, 8040 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97213 *or* apply online at bit.ly/HACO2021.

Application

First Name: _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Intended College/University: _____ Intended Major: _____

Interests/Hobbies: _____

Family/Community Service (*How have you contributed to the success of your family/community?*):



Personal or Academic Accomplishment(s): _____

Essay Prompt:

In an essay of no more than 1000 words, discuss the following:

*What does being a Hmong-American mean to you? How has this influenced the way you see the world?
How do you see your role in your community as you continue to pursue your education?*

Selection Criteria:

- Application (10%)
- Essay (60%)
- 2 Recommendation Letters (30%)

Checklist:

Completed applications may be submitted via mail or online. Incomplete application submissions will not be reviewed.

- Complete paper application or online form at bit.ly/HACO2021
- Attach or upload essay
- Attach or upload high school transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- Submit 2 recommendations letters (academic/professional references) to hacoboard@gmail.com or Attn: Hmong Oregon Scholarship Fund, Hmong American Community of Oregon, 8040 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97213

Deadline: Mailed application packets must be postmarked by February 1, 2021 and online submissions must be received prior to midnight on February 1, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be announced on February 28, 2021.

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand all the application requirements and have completed the application truthfully. I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, my name will be released to the public through the HACO website and other social media announcements.

Student Signature

Date