



## “Investing in Tomorrow’s Leaders”

# Iu Mien Scholarship Fund (IMSF)

### 2018 Scholarship Application

**LIMCA’s mission** is to preserve the cultural heritage of the Iu Mien, to develop social & cultural programs, and to help facilitate the Iu Mien integration into the economic and cultural life of the U.S.

In response to the educational needs of the Iu Mien Community, the Lao Iu Mien Culture Association, Inc. (LIMCA) formed the Iu Mien Scholarship Fund (IMSF) in 1997 with the purpose of providing financial support for Iu Mien students in pursuit of higher education, as well as to inspire and motivate Iu Mien youth to take leadership roles in their community.

This year, IMSF will award one scholarship of \$2,000 and up to four scholarships of \$1,500 to college and/or trade school-bound Iu Mien high school seniors and G.E.D. students. Graduating seniors and G.E.D. students who demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, and leadership qualities are encouraged to apply.

### Qualifications and Criteria

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school or G.E.D. student in California.
2. Applicant must be of Iu Mien descent.
3. Applicant must plan to attend a university, a junior college, or a vocational/certification program starting Fall 2018
4. Applicant must have an academic record of 3.00 GPA or above or obtained a G.E.D. certificate
5. **Applicant must return completed application packet, which includes the following:**
  - \* Completed application
  - \* Official sealed High School Transcript or G.E.D. certificate
  - \* Typed essay (two pages, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12pt Times New Roman font)
  - \* Two letters of recommendation from an administrator, teacher, counselor, mentor, community member, or employer. (Recommenders cannot be a family member.)
6. Must be available for in person panel interview in Oakland, CA on May 19th or May 20th.
7. **Recipient MUST attend scholarship reception event in Oakland, CA on Friday, June 22, 2018.**

**Please send completed application and all supporting documents to:**

**LIMCA - Iu Mien Scholarship Fund  
485 105th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94603**

Or email applications to [imsfcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:imsfcommittee@gmail.com)  
**Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked by:**

**Friday, May 4th, 2018**

For additional information, please contact Kay Chao or Muang Saephan at [imsfcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:imsfcommittee@gmail.com).

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### Part I. Personal Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA/GED Score: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Institution you plan to attend in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Household Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first person in your household to go to college? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- All pertinent documents that accompany the application will be the sole confidential property of IMSF and LIMCA upon receipt and thus, will not be returned to applicant under any conditions.
- **Proof of enrollment to institution will be required before a check is issued to recipient.**

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## Part II. School and Extracurricular Activities

List any community activities that you have been involved in or work experience that you have in the past four years. (Examples: volunteer work, community events, school clubs or activities, or paid work experience.)

Date	Name	Position(s)	Description/Duties

List any Honors, Awards, or Scholarships you have received in the past four years.

Date	Name	Description

## Part III. Essay

Please answer the following question for your essay. It should be two pages type-written in 12 point font and double spaced with one-inch margins.

If you had the power to create an ideal Lu Mien community, what would it look like? Identify some similarities and differences between the ideal community and the existing community. What leadership role would you take to help develop the existing community into the ideal community?

I declare that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_