



“Unity for a Better Future”

Iu Mien Scholarship Fund (IMSF)

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

2017 Scholarship Application

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 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 2017.
4. Applicant must have an academic record of 2.80 GPA or above, or G.E.D. score of 250 or higher.
5. **Applicant must return completed application packet, which includes the following:**
 - * Completed application
 - * Official High School Transcript
 - * Typed or printed essay (two pages/500 words)
 - * One letter of recommendation from an administrator, teacher, counselor, mentor, community member, employer, or peer.
6. Must be available for in person panel interview in Oakland, CA on May 20th or May 21st.
7. **Recipient must attend scholarship reception event in Oakland, CA on Saturday, June 24, 2017.**

Please send completed application to:
LIMCA - Iu Mien Scholarship Fund
485 I05th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94603

Or email applications to
imsfcommittee@gmail.com

Applications must be postmarked by
Monday, May 1, 2017

For additional information, please contact Kay Chao or Tom Schao at imsfcommittee@gmail.com or 510.717.9105.

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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 Level of Degree: _____ (Associates, Bachelor’s)

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 _____

If no, who else went to college and what was the highest level of degree completed by member?

Name: _____ Degree: _____ Relationship: _____

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- 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/500 words type-written in 12 point font and double spaced with one-inch margins.

What is the biggest issue facing the Lu Mien community today and what role do you see yourself play in creating a solution?

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

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____