

## **Hmong Association of Washington Education Award 2016**

Established in 1983, Hmong Association of Washington (HAW) is a non-profit organization serving the Hmong community of the greater western Washington region.

### **HAW Promotes Higher Education**

HAW encourages and promotes helping Hmong students pursue their educational goals in higher education. Most Hmong students are often the first generation in their families to have the opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education.

HAW is offering two \$500 education awards to two Hmong students enrolled in an accredited college, university, technical or trade school during the 2016-2017 academic school year. One will be awarded to first-year undergraduate students and one will be awarded to a student continuing their education of any post-secondary school status.

### **Eligibility**

1. Must be a child of Hmong descent (at least one parent must be of Hmong origin)
2. Be a graduating high school senior or be currently enrolled or will be enrolling into an accredited college, university, technical or trade school with residency in the state of Washington.
3. Attend as a full-time student for the 2016-2017 academic school year (undergraduates = 12 credits/units, graduate = 9 credits/units).
4. Send in a complete application package, which includes:
  - a. Application form
  - b. A resume
  - c. Essay addressing one of the questions posed
  - d. Proof of enrollment (please provide one of the documents requested below):
    - Copy of an acceptance letter
    - A registered class schedule for the 2016 fall quarter/semester

### **Application Guidelines/Deadlines**

1. Application must be filled out completely, signed and mailed with all required attachments in order to be considered.
2. The application package must be postmarked no later than **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. **Online submissions must be received prior to 11:59pm May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to be considered.**

Send completed application package to:

<p><b>Submitting by mail:</b></p> <p>HAW Education Award P.O. BOX 14492 Seattle, WA 98114</p>	<p><b>Online submittal:</b></p> <p>HAW Award Committee Chairperson Kimberly Moua, M.A.T kimberlyvismoua@gmail.com</p>
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### **Notification of Award**

Contingent winner will be notified by the end of June 2016.

**HAW Education Award Application 2016**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Initial</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>

<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Name of College/University:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Area of Study:</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Name of College/University:</b>	<b>Area of Study:</b>	<p><b><u>Academic Standing:</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> First year</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Junior</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Senior</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/professional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
<b>Name of College/University:</b>			
<b>Area of Study:</b>			

HAW has a newsletter and a website. Will you allow HAW to print your essay in HAW publications?

No  Yes

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** (Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed)

1. Completed HAW Education Award application
2. Proof of enrollment (provide one of these acceptable documents)
  - Copy of an acceptance letter
  - A registered class schedule for the 2016 fall quarter/semester
3. Resume listing academic, work, and volunteering experience
4. Your response to one of the essay question posed on the following page:
  - 500 words, double spaced, times new roman, 12-point font, 1” margins

**APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read and understand all the eligibility and application requirements and have completed the application truthfully. I understand that if I am selected as an award recipient, my name will be released to the public through the HAW website and newsletter announcements.

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Signature

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Date

Date Application Received:

Applicant Number:

## **ESSAY QUESTION**

Please select one of the following essay questions:

1. What influenced your decision to attain higher education and how will you attain your goal? In addition, how will your aspirations help you become a leader in your family and or community? Explain how you will know you have succeeded?
2. Describe an event in which you took a leadership role and what you learned about yourself. Explain what life experiences have shaped who you are today and what challenges have you overcome in achieving your education/goals. (i.e. financial, personal, medical, etc.) How will these experiences help you to reach your future goals in attaining higher education or to reach your professional and personal goals?
3. Community Service can be a valuable part of the college experience. Describe your most valued contribution or experience and its impact on you and your community. How will these experiences help you to reach your future goals in attaining higher education or to reach your professional and personal goals?