



Hmong Association of Washington Education Award 2017

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 Hmong students to 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 \$500 education awards to two Hmong students enrolled in an accredited college, university, technical or trade school during the 2017-2018 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 but not limited to the listed awardees.

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 institution in the state of Washington.
3. Attend as a full-time student for the 2017-2018 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 2017 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 **August 1st, 2017**. **Online submissions must be received by 11:59pm August 1st, 2017 to be considered.**

Send completed application package to:

Submitting by mail:	Online submittal:
HAW Education Award P.O. BOX 14492 Seattle, WA 98114	HAW Award Committee Chairperson Zer Vue sillivue@hotmail.com

Notification of Award

Contingent winner will be notified by the **end of August 2017**.



HAW Education Award Application 2017

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address	City	Zip
Email Address:	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Name of College/University: Area of Study:	<u>Academic Standing:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> First year <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/professional <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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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 2017 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.

Signature

Date



ESSAY QUESTION

Please select one of the following essay questions:

1. What influenced your decision to attain higher education? 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 a life experience that has 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 becoming a leader?

3. Describe what being Hmong means to you. Share 1 experience that helped shape and taught you to be proud of being Hmong. Choose 1 of the following to answer:

- a. What is your message for the Hmong community? Why is this important to you?
- b. What does the Hmong community (in WA state) need to progress? Share your idea and give details on how to execute the plan.