

Laotian Cultural & Community Center of Rhode Island Annual Scholarship Program

Policies governing the awarding of scholarships from the LAOTIAN CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTER OF RHODE ISLAND

The purpose of the Laotian Cultural Community Center Scholarship Program is to offer supplementary financial assistance to Rhode Island minority youth and Laotian-American youth seeking education through private secondary schools and post-secondary institutions. The Scholarship committee awards relatively very small in-aid to assist rather than cover the major cost of educational expenses. (see our proposal procedure guideline and application)

Eligibility: Any minority person in Rhode Island who has applied, been accepted for admission, or is currently enrolled in private or public secondary institution school, or an accredited institution of higher learning can apply to the Laotian Community Center scholarship Program. Even though priority is given to recent high school graduates, those who have been out of high school for a number of years but never finish-secondary school; those former college students who have not graduated and plan to return to school; or those students currently attending an undergraduate institution will be considered for awards.

1. Recipients for this grant shall meet the requirements of that letter dated June 20th, and signed by Thongkhoun T. Pathana, Founder i.e.
 - a) Awards shall be given to the Laotian Children of Rhode Island Community.
 - b) Awards shall be given to other Laotian Children other than Rhode Island community.
 - c) Other children who are residents and who have resided in Rhode Island for a period in excess of five years.
 - d) No restrictions or limitation of the recipients.
2. All scholarships awarded from the income of this fund shall be considered “grant/gift-in-aid” and NOT “loans.”
3. Awards may be given by the Scholarship Committee in amounts up to \$150-200 to a particular student without prior approval of the Trustees of the Laotian Community Center Charities, otherwise known as the “Board of Managers of Laotian Community Center Scholarship Program.” Awards in excess of \$500.00 may be authorized by the Trustees of Laotian Cultural & Community Center Scholarship Program, in special circumstances after recommendation by its Scholarship Committee. Our awards are based on merit, academic achievement, and fund available this year.

4. Awards made under this program shall be used for post-secondary education, especially for accredited 2 or 4 year colleges; schools of nursing; or trade and technical schools provided said schools have (at least) a 1 year program and such schools are approved or accredited by the Rhode Island Department of Education.
5. Payments of scholarship aid shall be made payable to the student (grantee) and not to the college or university in which the student is enrolled and attending scheduled classes.
6. Awards made from the fund shall not be used for the benefit of any students, to the used of educational expenses only.
7. Applications made for scholarship assistance under this program must be made on forms prescribed by the scholarship Committee and are available from its administrator's office at 88 Limerock Road, Smithfield, RI 02917.
8. The Scholarship Committee has the responsibility to disburse awards according to the criteria established. Any and all question regarding these procedures should be directed to the Education specialist at the Laotian Community Center.

Procedure:

9. Interested students should request an application for financial assistance from the Laotian Community Center after fulfilling the eligibility requirements stated above.
10. Applications received at its administrator office before June 20th will be given consideration for grants applicable to the succeeding academic year. Notifications will be sent to applicants as soon as may be following the decision made by the scholarship Committee. NO RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY or DEADLINE as stated below.
 - a. Statements in financial need and financial resources must be completed in full on the application.
 - b. Transcript of academic performance, including current grade must be provided.
11. Grants made under this program are made for one year only, and are not automatically renewable. However, any applicant may apply for a grant for a succeeding year.

General Scholarship Information

12. No deadline for submitting the Scholarship application
13. All necessary documentation of financial and educational status. As well as letters of support, should submitted with the application
14. If you have any questions, contact the Education Specialist at 978-606-9194/ or TEL/ FAX 401-349-0484

Family Data (continue...)

Are any now attending college? If so, who, where and year.

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From Latest U.S. Tax Returns:.....

	Parents (year).....	Applicant(Year).....
Total Salaries & Wages	\$.....	\$.....
Other Income	\$.....	\$.....
Total Deductions	\$.....	\$.....
Tax Paid	\$.....	\$.....

Are there other unusual circumstances which affect your situation> () Yes () No
If so, describe briefly.

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School Data (Answer either A or B)

A.Name of College now attendingClass of

Course of Study.....

B.School Applied to:

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Where do you plan to enroll?.....

Planned course of study?

College Budget Planning

Receipts:

From Parents \$.....

Other Friends and Relatives \$.....

Your own Earning \$.....

Other Sources including

Loans & Loans (describe) \$.....

Total \$.....

Expenses:

Tuition \$.....

Room & Board \$.....

Book & Supplies \$.....

Other Fees \$.....

Travel \$.....

Other Living Expenses
(clothing, laundry, etc) \$.....

Total \$.....

Describe any other forms of aid for which you have made application and/ or received.

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Describe briefly why you feel the Laotian Community Center of Rhode Island should award you a grant or gift in-aid and attach any data you feel to be pertinent.

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(We) certify that we have reviewed this application and that the statements hereon made are true to our best knowledge and belief.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature
(Under 18 year of age)

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Date

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