



Tzu Chi Scholars 2015

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Northwest Region (for applications from Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska)

\$1,000 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Tzu Chi Scholars is a scholarship program funded by Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (www.tzuchi.org) to recognize and provide financial assistance to outstanding college-bound high school graduates. Tzu Chi Scholars are selected on the basis of their financial need, academic achievement and community involvement. Each Scholar will receive an award of \$1,000.

Tzu Chi Foundation is a global charity organization founded by Dharma Master Cheng Yen in 1966. In Chinese, "tzu" means compassion and "chi" means relief. Tzu Chi Foundation has dedicated itself to the areas of charitable services, medical services, education, humanistic culture, environmental protection, international relief, marrow donor registry, and community volunteerism. Tzu Chi serves all who need assistance, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion.

Eligibility

To apply, you must

1. be an U.S. high school graduating senior or equivalent (Foreign students on student visa not included)
2. demonstrate financial need for college tuition
3. have a minimum 3.0 GPA
4. will enroll in an accredited U.S. college full-time for the academic year 2015-2016

Documents Required

1. A completed Tzu Chi Scholarship application form
2. An official high school transcript
3. A copy of one of the following three document sets demonstrating the financial need:
 - a. Family's complete set of 2014 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return including all schedules, or
 - b. Family's complete set of 2013 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return including all schedules and 2014 W-2 and/or 1099, or
 - c. Any other official documentation which may serve as proof of financial hardship
4. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors or other advisors
5. A typed autobiography (2 to 5 pages, double spaced) describing why you should be awarded this scholarship. Please include all of the followings:
 - Reason for your financial need
 - Your personal and academic achievements
 - Your academic and career plans
 - Your past and current involvement, as well as future plans, towards making a difference in your community
6. A two-page (double spaced) essay about Tzu Chi describing how and what Tzu Chi inspires you.

Application Process

1. Please send your application including all required documents, except the official transcript and the recommendation letters, in one PDF file by email to tcscholarship@hotmail.com. Application material (except transcript and the recommendation letters) received through regular mail will not be processed.
2. Please send the transcript and recommendation letters by regular mail to: **Tzu Chi Scholars Program , Tzu Chi Foundation Northwest Region , 175 Dempsey Road, Milpitas, CA 95035** (*This office only process the applications from Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska)
3. All application documents must be received by **March 2, 2015**.
4. A home visit interview would be required in the application process.

* Please contact Tzu Chi Northwest Region (TCNW) 408-457-6969 or visit www.tcnw.org for scholarship information.

Award Announcement

Tzu Chi Northwest Region scholarship award will be announced via e-mail by mid May, 2015. There will be a scholarship award ceremony at Tzu Chi Northwest Regional Office in June 2015.

Award Process

The \$1,000 award will be directly deposited into the student's college account after the completion of the college enrollment. A scholarship processing form will be sent to the award recipients after the award announcement.



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Scholarship Application Form

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APPLICANT			
Name	Last _____ First _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Address		Date of Birth	MM/DD/YY
		Home Phone	()
		Cell Phone	()
Parent or Guardian		Student's E-mail	
High School		High School Address	
Counselor		High School Phone Number	
College You Plan to Attend		Planned Major	
GPA	Ethnic Group (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> American African/African <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/API <input type="checkbox"/> Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ *Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or disability.
Extracurricular Activities in High School			
Financial Documents Included <input type="checkbox"/> 1040 U.S. Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____			
Household Income:			Number of People in Your Household
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)			
REFERENCES			
Name	Relationship	Phone Number	Address
I certify that the information contained in this application is true.			
Applicant's Signature _____			Date _____



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Check List for Tzu Chi Scholars 2015 Application

Northwest Region

Please check the following list to ensure all the required documents are included in your application. **Your application will be processed only when all the required documents are received by 3/2/2015.**

1. _____ Tzu Chi scholarship application form _____
 2. One of the following financial documents: (This is a need-based scholarship)
 - _____ A. 2014 family's complete set of 1040 income tax return, **MUST** include all schedules
 - OR**
 - _____ B. 2013 family's complete set of 1040 income tax return, **MUST** include all schedules **AND** 2014 W-2 form
 - OR**
 - _____ C. Other Proof of your financial hardship (*Note: Meal plan only is insufficient.)
 3. _____ Autobiography (double spaced)
 4. _____ Essay about Tzu Chi (double spaced)
 5. _____ Official high school transcript
 6. _____ Two recommendation letters
- **Please send your application documents #1 to #4 above in the same order as listed above in ONE PDF file BY EMAIL to tcscholarship@hotmail.com. Please include your first name and last name on the email subject line such as 'John Smith - 2015 scholars application'.**
 - **Please send the transcript and the recommendation letters by regular mail to Tzu Chi Northwest Region office:**

Tzu Chi Scholars 2015
Tzu Chi Foundation USA, Northwest Region
175 Dempsey Road
Milpitas, CA 95035

***Note: This office and the tcscholarship@hotmail.com email address only processes the applications from N. CA/N. NV/OR/WA/ID/MT/WY/AK)**

- **All communication with Tzu Chi Northwest Region Scholarship Team will be conducted by emails via tcscholarship@hotmail.com. For more information, please visit www.tcnw.org or call 408-457-6969 TCNW office.**