



# 2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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## IU MIEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND (IMSF)

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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. The purpose of the IMSF is to provide financial support for the Iu Mien students who are in pursuit of higher education and to inspire and motivate the Iu Mien youth to take leadership in their community.

Each year, IMSF awards seven scholarships (one \$1,000 and six \$500) to college and/or trade school-bound Iu Mien high school seniors and GED students. Graduating seniors and G.E.D. students who demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, and leadership qualities are invited to apply.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a high school or G.E.D. graduate in California;
2. Applicant must be an Iu Mien American youth;
3. Applicant must plan to attend a university, a junior college, or a vocational school starting Fall 2010;
4. Applicant must have an academic record of 3.0 GPA or above, or G.E.D. score of 250 or higher;
5. **Applicant must return completed application package, which includes the following:**
  - A. Completed application
  - B. Official High School Transcript
  - C. Typed or printed essay (2 pages/500 words)
  - D. One letter of recommendation from an administrator, teacher, counselor, mentor, or community member
6. Qualified applicant will go through a panel interview in Oakland, CA;
7. *Recipient must attend the reception banquet in Oakland, California, to receive the scholarship*

**Application Deadline:** **Post marked by Monday, May 10, 2010**

For additional information, please contact Tom Schao at (510) 717-9105 [Tomschao@yahoo.com](mailto:Tomschao@yahoo.com) or Michelle Chao at (510) 882-9943 [michellechao@limcacenter.org](mailto:michellechao@limcacenter.org)

Please send completed application to:

**LIMCA-Iu Mien Scholarship Fund**  
**485 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Oakland, CA 94603**

\*All pertinent documents that accompany the application packet 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.**



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### Part II. SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List any community activities that you have been involved in or work experiences that you have. (Examples: volunteer work, community events, school clubs/activities, or paid work experience).

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List any Honors, Awards, or Scholarships you have received.

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### Part III. ESSAY TOPIC

**Please answer the following question for your essay. It should be 2 pages/500 words type-written in 12 point font and doubled space with one-inch margins.**

In the course of integrating into the American culture, we are losing our Iu Mien cultural practices resulting in the generation gap between our elders and youth. Identify ways to begin eliminating these barriers to strengthen the relationships for our future generations and how our youth can take leadership in the Iu Mien community to preserve our culture and language.

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

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Signature of Applicant

Date