



Tzu Chi Scholars 2017

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 a one-time award of \$1,000. A small number of Scholars may be further recognized for a four-year total scholarship award of up to \$4,000.

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. Please visit www.tzuchi.org.

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 2017-2018

Documents Required

1. A completed Tzu Chi Scholarship application form
2. An official high school transcript
3. A copy of one of the following documents demonstrating the financial need:
 - a. Family's complete set of 2016 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return, must include all schedules, or
 - b. Family's complete set of 2015 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return, must include all schedules, and 2016 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 e-mail 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, 2355 Oakland Road, San Jose, CA 95131** (*This office only accepts applications from Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska)
 3. All application documents must be received or postmarked by **March 3, 2017**.
 4. A home visit interview would be required in the application process.
- * Please contact Tzu Chi Northwest Region (TCNW) office 408-457-6969 for scholarship information.

Award Announcement

Tzu Chi Northwest Region scholarship award will be announced via e-mail by mid May, 2017. There will be a scholarship award ceremony at Tzu Chi Northwest Regional Office in June 2017.

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 (Please TYPE)

Deadline: March 3, 2017.

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 2017 Application (Northwest Region)

Application Deadline: March 3, 2017

Please check the following list to ensure all the required documents are included when apply. Otherwise, your application will not be processed.

1. _____ Tzu Chi scholarship application form
 2. One of the following financial documents:
 - _____ A. 2016 family's complete set of 1040 income tax return. must include all the schedules and forms

OR

 - _____ B.1 2015 family's complete set of 1040 income tax return, must include all the schedules and forms
 - _____ B.2 2016 family's W-2/1099

OR

 - _____ C. Other proof of your financial situation (*'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 combine your application documents #1-4 in the order listed above into ONE .pdf file and send by e-mail to tcscholarship@hotmail.com. Please include your first name and last name in the e-mail subject line (i.e. John Smith - 2017 Scholars Application).**
 - **Please send your transcript and recommendation letters by mail to Tzu Chi Northwest Region office:**

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Tzu Chi Foundation USA, Northwest Region
2355 Oakland Road, San Jose, CA 95131
- *Note: This office and the tcscholarship@hotmail.com email address only accept applications from Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska.**
- **Please email tcscholarship@hotmail.com to contact Tzu Chi Northwest Region (TCNW) Scholarship Team. Or call TCNW office at 408-457-6969.**