



Tzu Chi Scholars 2015 for Continuing Undergraduate Students

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Tzu Chi Foundation is offering need-based scholarships to assist **Continuing Undergraduate Students** in the selected areas in the U.S. Tzu Chi Scholars are selected on the basis of the following consideration: financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement. Each selected Scholar will receive an award of \$1,000.

Eligibility

1. Applicant should have completed 50 volunteering hours with Tzu Chi or other non-profit organization in current academic year.
Note: if applicant currently lives in the area more than 40 miles away from any Tzu Chi office and if applicant's college does not have Tzu Ching chapter (Tzu Chi Collegiate Association), 50 volunteer hours should have been completed in any non-profits in current academic year.
2. Applicant demonstrates financial need for college tuition and related expenses.
3. Applicant has a minimum of 3.0 GPA
4. Applicant will continue to be enrolled full time in an accredited U.S. college for the 2015-2016 academic year.
5. This scholarship is only available to former Tzu Chi Scholarship recipient.

Documents Required

1. A typed, completed Tzu Chi Scholars application form for current undergraduate students
2. All official college transcript(s) showing all grades earned in colleges
3. A copy of one of the three following financial documents showing the name of the applicant:
 - 3.1 Family's complete set of Form 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return for 2014 including all schedules, or
 - 3.2 Family's complete set of Form 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return for 2013 including all schedules as well as Form W-2 and 1099 (if applicable) 2014, or
 - 3.3 Any current official documentation from the government agency which serves as proof of financial hardship
4. Written and signed proof of completion of 50 volunteering hours in Tzu Chi from Tzu Chi local team leader or Tzu Ching mentor (Note: if the applicant is qualified for volunteering with other nonprofits, written and signed proof should be from the management of the nonprofit.)
5. A short, updated, and typed autobiography that explains why the applicant should be awarded a scholarship. The content that focuses on the time period **since the applicant attends college** should include the following:
 - 5.1 Applicant's volunteer experience in Tzu Chi (or other nonprofit if qualified) as well as future plan towards making a difference in the community.
 - 5.2 Reasons of the financial need and how to use this scholarship
 - 5.3 Applicant's personal and academic achievements with specific examples
 - 5.4 Applicant's academic and career plans with specific goals

Application Process

1. Please mail your application package to our regional office assigned to serve the area of your current residency (dorm, for example).
2. The application form and supporting documents must be **postmarked by March 8, 2015**.
3. A home visit or a phone interview may be required in the application process.
4. Tzu Chi College Scholarship recipients will be announced in **May 16, 2015**, and the award ceremony will be held in **May or June 2015**.

*** College scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and are not renewable. Therefore, applicants must complete the Scholarship Application for Continuing Undergraduate Students each year to be considered for scholarships.**



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- ◇ **Western Region** (S. CA/S. NV/AZ/UT/NM/CO)
1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773
Tel: 909-447-7799
- ◇ **Central Region** (N. TX/KS/OK/AR/TN)
534 W. Belt Line Rd., Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: 972-680-8869
- ◇ **Mid-Atlantic Region** (KY/PA/WV/DE/NJ)
150 Commerce Rd., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
Tel: 973-857-8666
- ◇ **Midwest Region** (OH/ND/SD/MN/WI/MI/NE/IA/MO/IL/IN)
1430 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561
Tel: 630-963-6601
- ◇ **Northeast Region** (NY/VT/NH/ME/MA/RI/CT)
137-77 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-888-0866
- ◇ **Northwest Region** (N. CA/N. NV/OR/WA/ID/MT/WY/AK)
2355 Oakland Rd., San Jose, CA 95131
Tel: 408-457-6969
- ◇ **Pacific Islands Region** (HI/GU)
1238 Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu, HI 96816
Tel: 808-737-8885
- ◇ **Southern Region** (S. TX/LA/FL/MS/AL/GA)
6200 Corporate Dr., Houston, TX 77036
Tel: 713-270-9988
- ◇ **Washington D.C. Region** (DC/MD/NC/SC/VA)
1516 Moorings Dr., Reston, VA 20190
Tel: 703-707-8606



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Please TYPE all information requested on the application form.
 Application postmark deadline: **March 8, 2015.**

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION					
Full Name	Last	First	Middle	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Current Address				Date of Birth	MM/DD/YY
Permanent Address				Home Phone	()
E-Mail Address				Cell Phone	()
College/University			Major		
College/University Address					
Year(s) of Tzu Chi Scholarship Awarded			Year of Attending		
GPA	Ethnic Group (Optional*)	<input type="checkbox"/> African American/African <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/API <input type="checkbox"/> Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	
<small>*Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or disability.</small>					
Community service involvement in college					
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)					
I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I may be required to provide additional supporting documentation to verify the information in this application.					
Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____					