



# USA Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: June 1, 2023

Awarded: August 1, 2023 (for Fall 2023)

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## General Information & Requirements

- Scholarships totaling \$10,000 will be split and granted to eight (8) applicants.
  - a. Recipients are chosen based on a culmination of merit, financial need, and community involvement.
  - b. Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to each of the top two (2) applicants; \$1,000 will be awarded to each of remaining six (6) applicants
- Family members of Jai Lao Foundation officers and directors are not eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicant must be a descendant from Laos
- Applicant must be an
  - a. High School Senior/First-time College Freshman who is accepted for Fall 2023
  - b. Current college freshman/sophomore who is enrolled for Fall 2023

## Application Checklist:

*To be considered, please attach the following information and documents:*

- Completed **and signed** application, which includes:
  - Personal Information
  - High School Information
  - College Information
  - Community Involvement Information
  - Essay Section (to be submitted in separate document)
    - Statement of Financial Need
    - Personal Essay
- Most recent OFFICIAL college and/or high school transcripts
- HS Seniors/First-time Freshmen Only: Letter of Acceptance for Fall 2023
- College Students Only: Proof of Registration for Fall 2023
  
- Official ACT/SAT score (optional)
- Resume (optional)
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)

***Please email your COMPLETED scholarship application with all the required attachments by June 1, 2023 to [info@jailao.org](mailto:info@jailao.org). If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact us at [info@jailao.org](mailto:info@jailao.org) or (888)-894-4443.***

Please view the Application Checklist to ensure you have attached ALL required (and optional) documentation before submitting.



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## **Personal Information**

**Name (Last, First):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Not Listed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to respond

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am:** *(check all that apply)*

- A US Citizen/Permanent Resident
- A descendant of Laos  
(Describe your ethnicity, e.g. Lao, hmong, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Not a family member of the Jai Lao Foundation Board

**Student Status**

(Note: If you are beyond two years enrolled in college, you are not eligible to apply)

- Incoming College Freshman (HS Senior, never attended college)
- Current College Freshman (Within three semesters enrolled)
- Current College Sophomore (Within six semesters enrolled)

## **High School Information**

*HS seniors/first-time freshmen are REQUIRED to submit an OFFICIAL high school transcript. HS transcript is optional for current college students.*

High School Name or GED County \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative, Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ACT/SAT Score (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Date Taken (optional): \_\_\_\_\_



## **College Information**

***The following section is for HS seniors/first-time college freshmen only:***

***Please remember to attach your acceptance letter for Fall 2023.***

I have been accepted to the following institution(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I am committed to attending the following institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***The following section is for CURRENT college freshman/sophomores only:***

***Please remember to attach your college transcript and proof of registration for Fall 2023.***

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Community Involvement:**

***If you require more space, you may attach this section in a separate document.***

Please describe/list your active involvement in the Lao community in your area (e.g. volunteering for a Lao organization or club):

Please describe/list other notable examples community involvement or extracurriculars that don't involve the Lao community:



## **Essay Section:**

*The essay section contains two parts: (1) A Statement of Financial Need and (2) Personal Essay. You will answer these prompts on a separate document and attach it to your application when you submit. Be sure to label each part accordingly.*

### **Part 1: Statement of Financial Need**

Please explain your financial situation and why you will benefit from monetary support. Describe any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance. Your response should be 200-400 words in length, double spaced, and 12 point font.

### **Part 2: Personal Essay**

Please submit an essay on one of the topics listed below. Your essay should be 500-750 words in length, double spaced, and 12 point font.

**Option #1:** One of the purposes of this scholarship is to promote Lao culture and heritage. Choose an aspect of your culture/heritage that has greatly impacted your development. Describe how you plan to use your cultural background to achieve your educational goals and contribute to the preservation of Lao culture and heritage.

**Option #2:** By investing in our youths through the gift of education, we are growing a generation of scholars with great minds and giving hearts. What are your academic and professional goals? Describe any adversity or challenges you have had to overcome in pursuit of these goals. How do you plan to utilize your education to achieve a better future for you, your family, and the Lao community?

**Option #3:** It is our hope that through this program we can recognize and reward the students who are determined to build a strong cultural foundation to strengthen and illuminate the Lao community. Are there any needs or problems with the Lao community that you hope to address with your education? How have you contributed to addressing these needs?

**Option #4:** Tell us what you'd like us to know about you. What about your unique personal background, identity, traits, interest, or talents are going to enhance your education, future employment, and ability to positively impact your local community?

***Once you have completed your application, please sign and date on the following page.***



***I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee.***

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

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