



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2026-2027 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

OVERVIEW

Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc. (SHNY, Inc) is a non-profit organization established in 2004 by the Sacramento Hmong community leaders. Our mission is to preserve the richness of Hmong culture and tradition, provide opportunities for the youth with scholarships for higher education, cultural awareness, and promote the general welfare of the Hmong community in the Sacramento Metro.

The Sacramento Hmong New Year Scholarships are awarded to Hmong undergraduate students who are residents residing in the County of Sacramento or primary/secondary home is residing in the County of Sacramento. This scholarship is a one-time (non-renewable) \$1,000 scholarship. Application must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by November 7, 2026. All information submitted will be confidential and used solely for the purpose of scholarship administration.

Recipients will be invited to join the Sacramento Hmong New Year at Cal Expo on November 27, 2026 for an award announcement, as honored guests. Scholarship recipients will be introduced on the stage upon award announcement.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

- Be a Hmong graduate student whose primary or secondary home reside in the Sacramento County
- Be enrolled to a U.S. Accredited Graduate Program
- Be an enrolled full-time or part-time student for the fall semester of 2026
- At least one biological parent of Hmong descent
- Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA;

Applicant must provide the following by November 7, 2026:

- Completed application form
- Official proof of academic standing (official transcript)
- One or two letters of reference: 1) must be a guidance counselor or teacher 2) must be an employer, community leader, teacher or counselor. Your letter of references must be sealed in an envelope with the reference's signature at the envelope's flap.

Send completed application, official transcript(s), and letter of reference in clasp envelope ATTN to:

Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
PO BOX 310
Elk Grove, CA 95759

Contact scholarship committee to physically submit application:

Ploua Her | 916-335-1681
or email us at scholarships@sacramentohtmongnewyear.com

TIP: If the applicant chooses to send application through postal service, we recommend using the Certified Mail service with any postal service. Certified Mail is a service that gives mailers an official receipt providing proof the item was mailed. After the Certified Mail document is delivered, the mail carrier requires a signature from the recipient. Mailers using Certified Mail can also request a physical or electronic Return Receipt with the recipient's signature.



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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out the application. Application can be typed or written by hand. Handwriting must be legible.
2. Essay must be original thoughts of the applicant, in his/her own words, and written by the applicant only. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated, and applications will be disqualified.
3. Your last, first name must be on the top right of each page of the application.
4. Sign and date the application.
Forgetting to do so will result in disqualification.
5. Attach official transcript(s) and letters of reference to the application.
Please do not staple your application.
6. Completed application, official transcript(s) and letters of reference must be sent in a clasp envelope ATTN to:
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PO BOX 310
Elk Grove, CA 95759
7. Applicants may choose to physically turn in their application to the Scholarship committee. Please contact Ploua Her to set up a drop-off appointment
or email us at scholarships@sacramentohmongnewyear.com
8. Completed applications must be submitted by November 7, 2026. Applications postmarked on November 7, 2026 will be accepted.

[PLEASE NOTE: Final candidates must be present for a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee. You will be contacted via email or phone to set up an interview. Please check your email/ phone regularly. Awarded candidates will be required to attend the award announcement at Cal Expo on November 27, 2026.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7, 2026

For more information and questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee: Ploua Her | 916-335-1681
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Good Luck Students!



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SHNY OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____
 Authorized SHNY Officer/ BOD: _____
 Other Information: _____

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Primary Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Secondary Address (If different from above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Overall Cumulative GPA: _____ (On a 4.0 scale)

*Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.

Currently College/University Attending	Start Date	Expected Graduation Date	Major/Area Concentration

Other College(s)/University(ies) Attended	Start Date	End Date	Degree	Major/Area Concentration



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/WORK EXPERIENCE (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment)

Job Title	Company	Full time/ Part time/ Co-op/ Internship	Start Date – End Date	Job Duties & Descriptions



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QUESTIONNAIRE *(Answers may be written on separate sheets)*

School Extra-Curricular Activities: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.

Organization: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.

Area of Study: What do you want to study and why?

Career Plans: What are your career plans?

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Moving forward into the next 50 years, what can the Hmong people do to improve their livelihood and how they see themselves? (Examples: What are some good traditions or culture that you think the Hmong people should keep? Or how the Hmong people can use education to better themselves and their families?)

The logo is a circular emblem. The outer ring contains the text "SACRAMENTO HMONG" at the top and "NEW YEAR, INC." at the bottom. The inner circle features a central figure, possibly a person or a deity, holding a staff or a similar object. Above the figure is a large, glowing candle. The background of the inner circle is decorated with a pattern of red and blue triangles. The entire logo is rendered in a light, faded style.

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CHECKLIST

The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to be accepted by the scholarship committee.

- ☐ Complete application with your signature and date.
- ☐ One or two letters of reference: 1) must be a guidance counselor or teacher 2) must be an employer, community leader, teacher or counselor. Your letter of references must be sealed in an envelope with the reference's signature at the envelope's flap.
- ☐ Most recent official college transcript.
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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc. Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Sacramento Hmong New Year, Inc.'s Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship awardee, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at a college/university of my choice before scholarship funds can be issued.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Print Full Name

Date

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