



Tzu Chi Scholars 2010

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

\$1,000 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP. U.S. Postmark Deadline: Please refer to Pages 3 & 4

About Tzu Chi Foundation

Tzu Chi Scholars is a scholarship program funded by Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation to recognize and to assist outstanding college-bound high school graduates financially. Tzu Chi Scholars are selected on the basis of their financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement. Each scholar will be awarded a total of \$1,000.00. Tzu Chi Foundation is a volunteer-led charitable organization providing humanitarian aid, spiritual care, and medical services to families and communities, both locally and internationally.

Tzu means "compassion", Chi means "relief". Founded in 1966 by Dharma Master Cheng Yen, the Foundation has dedicated itself in the field of charitable services, medical services, education, environmental protection, as well as the promotion of humanistic values and community volunteerism. Guided by the four basic Buddhist principles of kindness, compassion, joy, and unselfish giving, Tzu Chi strives to ease suffering on earth and to inspire compassion in others by volunteerism. Through principles of sincerity, integrity, trust, and honesty, Tzu Chi volunteers serve all who needs assistance, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. In addition, the Foundation has established bone marrow registries and provides services for international relief. Please visit our website at www.us.tzuchi.org.

Eligibility

1. Demonstrates financial need for college tuition
2. Is a U.S. high school graduating seniors or equivalent
3. Has a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (Weighted)
4. Will enroll in an accredited U.S. college full-time for the entire academic year 2010/2011

Documents Required

1. A completed Tzu Chi Scholarship application form
2. An official high school transcript
3. A Copy of one of the three following document(s) demonstrating the financial need:
 - a. Family's complete set of 2009 1040 Income Tax Return including all schedules, or
 - b. Family's complete set of 2008 1040 Income Tax Return including all schedules and most recent W-2 of year 2010, or
 - c. Any documentation which serves as the proof of your financial hardship etc.
4. Two letters of recommendation from the teachers, counselors, and/or other advisors
5. An at least two-page typed autobiography and why you should be awarded a scholarship. Please include all of the following:
 - Financial need for this scholarship for educational purposes
 - Personal and academic achievements, give specific examples
 - Academic plans and career goals, give specific examples
 - Past and current involvement, as well as future plans, towards making a difference in your community
6. A one-page short essay about Tzu Chi; based on the information you've studied (e.g. on the websites, Tzu Chi publications, or news articles etc.) Please explain what you have found out about Tzu Chi that inspires you in any capacity. Feel free to express your thoughts and be true to yourself.

*** Only application with complete set of documents mentioned above will be considered for 2010 scholarship.**

**** For scholarship application and information, please visit our website <http://www.us.tzuchi.org>**

***** Scholars for the 2010 scholarship program will be announced by mail on or before the dates indicated on pages 3 & 4.**

Application Process & Award Announcement

1. Please send your application package to your nearest Tzu Chi Foundation Regional Office and indicate:

Attn: Tzu Chi Scholars Program

- ◇ **National Headquarters** (S. CA/S. NV/AZ/UT/NM/CO)
1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773
Tel: 909-447-7799
- ◇ **Central Region** (North of 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)
2355 Oakland Rd., San Jose, CA 95131
Tel: 408-457-6969
- ◇ **Pacific Islands Region** (HI/GU/AK)
1238 Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu, HI 96816
Tel: 808-737-8885
- ◇ **Southern Region** (South of 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 Mooring Dr., Reston, VA 20190
Tel: 703-707-8606

2. Application form must be postmarked by the deadlines.

3. Home visit and/or interview will be part of the application process.

*** Tzu Chi scholars will be honored at the Scholarship Award Ceremony at the nearest Tzu Chi Regional Office. The \$1,000 award will be directly deposited to the student account in the college upon receiving the processing form from Tzu Chi scholars afterwards.**



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Scholarship Application Form U.S. Postmark Deadline: Please refer to Pages 3 & 4

* Please PRINT clearly

APPLICANT					
Name	Last	First	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Social Security No.	
Address			Date of Birth	MM/DD/YY	
			Home Tel	()	
			Cell Number	()	
Parent or Guardian			Your e-mail		
High School			High School Address		
Counselor			High School Phone Number		
College you plan to attend			Planned Major Field of Study		
GPA weighted 4.0 scale	Ethnic Group (Optional) *check all that apply:	<input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American (original country _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Asian (country _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino (country _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicano	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____		
Extracurricular Activities in HS					
Financial Documents included		<input type="checkbox"/> 1040 Tax Return	<input type="checkbox"/> Others		
Please check your household income:				Number of people in your household	
<input type="checkbox"/> Below \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-30,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-\$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> above \$50,000					
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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Important Dates for Tzu Chi Scholarship Application

Region	Date	
National Headquarters (S. CA/S. NV/AZ/UT/NM/CO)	March 1, 2010 March 8, 2010 May 8, 2010 June 12, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Pacific Islands Region (HI/GU/AK)	March 6, 2010 March 13, 2010 May 2, 2010 May 16, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Midwest Region (OH/ND/SD/MN/WI/MI/NE/ IA/MO/IL/IN)	March 6, 2010 March 13, 2010 April 25, 2010 To be announced	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Mid-Atlantic Region (KY/PA/WV/DE/NJ)	March 20, 2010 March 27, 2010 May 20, 2010 June 5, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Northeast Region (NY/VT/NH/ME/MA/RI/CT)	March 6, 2010 March 6, 2010 May 22, 2010 June 13, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony



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Region	Date	
Southern Region (South of TX/LA/FL/MS/AL/GA)	March 31, 2010 April 15, 2010 June 1, 2010 June 20, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Northwest Region (N. CA/N.NV/OR/WA/ID/MT/WY)	March 1, 2010 March 8, 2010 May 8, 2010 June 19, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Washington D. C. Region (DC/MD/NC/SC/VA)	March 31, 2010 April 15, 2010 May 22, 2010 June 6, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony
Central Region (North of TX/KS/OK/AR/TN)	March 20, 2010 April 3, 2010 May 30, 2010 June 12, 2010	Application form postmark deadline Supporting documents due Announcement of scholars Award Ceremony