

THE CHER YEE LEE & MA VANG LEE SCHOLARSHIP

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHER YEE LEE

APPLICATION PACKET



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This scholarship was made possible and donated by the children and grandchildren of Cher Yee Lee and Ma Vang Lee.

Cher Yee Lee and Ma Vang Lee immigrated to the United States in 1979 because of the war in Southeast Asia and to provide their children a safer and better way of life. Together, they raised 11 children, five sons and six daughters, in St. Paul. They have always placed a strong emphasis on education for all their children and believed that education is the path to a successful future. Because of their love, dedication, and support, all of their children and their spouses are successful in their own right – thanks to Cher Yee Lee and Ma Vang Lee.

The Lee family understands the struggles that comes with a large family. It is never easy growing up in a large family with so many brothers and sisters. However, Ma and Cher Yee Lee were able to do it. This scholarship was started in honor of the memory of Cher Yee Lee, who is now deceased and Ma Vang Lee who is still living. Without their parents' support their children would not have attained the success and educational level they have today.

(Picture and biography provided by family.)

Instructions for the Cher Yee Lee and Ma Vang Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by the Hmong American Education Fund. The scholarship seeks to financially support one student in the pursuit of their educational goals. The successful applicant will be awarded up to \$1,000 to the choice of their college or university. Download this application packet and fill out the form below. **All application materials are due by April 30.** Late applications and materials will not be considered. Any hand-written application will be disqualified. All application materials must be emailed to: hmongeducationfund@gmail.com. You will be notified of your application status via email by or after June 1.

Applicants Must Meet All Criteria Listed

- A U.S. citizen or legal resident alien
- A Minnesota resident
- All students, race, nationalities, or ethnic backgrounds are eligible for this scholarship
- Any high school senior, high school or GED graduate or current college/graduate student is eligible
- Has been accepted fulltime to a 2-year or 4-year college/university or graduate school
- From a family of five or more siblings

Scholarship Application Packet Checklist

- A completed application
- Essay (1500 words or less)
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- One letter of recommendation
- **Submit all required application documents in PDF format to hmongeducationfund@gmail.com**

A Successful applicant must demonstrate the following

- Pursue an education to better themselves and others
- A commitment to excellent academic achievement

Essay: In one essay, 1500 words or less, please answer the following questions:

- Tell us about your commitment to education
- Tell us about your family, your struggles and your triumphs
- Tell us how coming from a large family influence your educational goals and life overall

Additional Requirements

- Recipient is expected to attend the Scholarship Awards Banquet on the first Saturday of August
- If selected, recipients are expected to submit the documents requested for the Scholarship Awards Banquet (ex. photo, bio, thank you letter to donors)

Successful applicants are encouraged to attend two general academic coaching and mentoring sessions with HAEF.

These sessions can be done via phone, e-mail, or face to face.

(If you have any questions, please email: scholarships@thehaef.org)



Cher Yee and Ma Vang Lee Scholarship Application

(Type responses below & email back to hmongeducationfund@gmail.com along with all other required documents in PDF)

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-Mail:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Race/Ethnicity:
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Permanent Address (if different from above):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Check one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Alien Resident of U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> None	Are you a first generation student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Number of parent(s):	Family size:	Number of dependents (if applicable):
Are you currently in high school or pursuing your GED? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name of your current School:		Current GPA:
School Address:		
Name of College/University you have been accepted to and/or will be attending:		
Major/Program:		
Degree you are seeking: <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> BA/BS <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD/Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
What year of schooling are you in: <input type="checkbox"/> First Year <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
Will you be a Fulltime Student: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Have you been awarded other scholarships or financial assistance? (If yes, please list them):		
Print Name:	Signature:	Date:
Disclaimer: By signing this application I understand that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. HAEF reserve the right to verify information submitted on the successful candidate's application. In addition, the views and opinions expressed by individuals and/or businesses featured in our scholarships do not necessary represent the views of the Hmong American Education Fund.		