



2026 Iu Mien Student Conference Achievement Scholarship Award

The Iu Mien Student Conference (IMSC) Achievement Scholarship is an academic award established by the IMSC committee to support Iu Mien students pursuing higher education. Since 1999, the committee has awarded numerous scholarships to Iu Mien high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic achievement, community involvement, and leadership. Recognizing the challenges many Iu Mien students face, IMSC is committed to providing financial assistance to help students achieve their educational goals. Iu Mien high school seniors who are actively involved in their communities and have taken on leadership roles are strongly encouraged to apply.

Award Amount: **\$500-\$1000**. *The number and amount of scholarships awarded varies each year depending on funds available. Funds will be disbursed after proof of class registration for Fall 2026.*

Eligibility

1. Iu Mien high school seniors who have maintained an overall GPA of **2.5 or higher**.
2. Planning to attend a post secondary school or trade school.

To Apply

Applicants must submit an application along with supporting documents:

1. Personal Statement
2. One (1) Letter of Recommendation (from a community leader, counselor, employer, supervisors, teacher, etc.)
3. Official Transcript (with stamped school seal/signature)
4. Resume

Submission options:

Mail: IMSC Achievement Scholarship Award, P.O. Box 245693, Sacramento, CA 95824

Office Drop Off: Iu Mien Community Services: 5657 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95824

Email: imscscholarship@gmail.com

All application packages must be completed and **POSTMARKED or RECEIVED** by **June 30, 2026**.

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APPLICATION

Please type or print in **black ink**. **Submit original application plus additional documents.**

Application deadline: **June 30, 2026**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name

First Name

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Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Home Phone

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Cell Phone

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Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Name of Present School

City, State

Intended Field of Study

Ethnicity (In Mien, Iu Mien + other?)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please type your essay on a separate page and attach it to the application package. All parts of the prompt must be completed. This personal statement should be **1-3 typed pages** total discussing all of the following questions indicated below. The format is **12 point font, double-spaced on 1” margins**.

Note: To allow creativity, we will allow an alternative to the 2-3 page written personal statement. You may choose to respond to the personal statement questions in forms such as a video/audio (no longer than 10 minutes), painting, poem etc. In addition to your submission piece, you must describe what you are presenting and why you chose to respond to the personal statement in this form (1-2 paragraphs). Remember, ALL parts of the personal prompt must be addressed.

ESSAY PROMPTS

Please answer **ALL** essay questions:

- 1. Describe an academic accomplishment you're proud of. What strengths or skills helped you achieve it?**
- 2. Describe one way the Iu Mien community could grow stronger or more connected, and explain the role you could play in making this happen.**
- 3. Describe a time you helped someone without expecting anything in return. What did you learn from this experience?**

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Include one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, community leader, employer, or supervisor. Please ask your recommender to address the following:

- Years of acquaintance
- Your strengths and qualifications
- A personal evaluation of your leadership skills
- Describe your achievements
- Illustrate your potential
- Any substantial information he/she wishes to provide us to aid our selection process.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please attach or send a copy of your official transcript from your high school registrar. Official transcripts have the school seal. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

RESUME

Please attach a resume to your application package. This will serve to enhance our understanding of your accomplishments and interests. Please include **school/community activities or clubs, work, awards, etc.**

Thank you for applying for the Iu Mien Student Conference Achievement Scholarship Award. We appreciate your time in completing the application and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Signing here confirms that everything on this application is accurate. Any false information provided may be subject to dismissal of scholarship awards.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE