



LAOTIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

Pride in Our Heritage. Passion for Our Future.

P.O. Box 1558 Suwanee, GA 30024



MISSION STATEMENT

To Promote Cultural Awareness and Empower the Laotian American community by providing Education, Services, and Resources in Georgia.

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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Laotian American Society is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for outstanding Laotian college students. The amount and number of scholarships are based on LAS's overall fundraising income and, consequently, will change from year to year.

Applicants will be considered based on:

- Academic Achievements
- Community Service
- Essays & Video Presentation
- Extracurricular Activities
- Financial Need

How to Apply:

Fill out the scholarship application. Follow the application guidelines on the following pages. Include all other required documents in the application package.

Deadline:

Application, essays, transcripts, and official letter of enrollment must be postmarked or timestamped by:

Wednesday August 16, 2017

<p>Send all required paper application materials by mail to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laotian American Society Attn: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 1558 Suwanee, GA 30024</p>	<p>Email required Headshot and Video Presentation to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">info@lasga.org OR education@lasga.org</p>
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Scholarships will be given out at:

LAS Education Award Ceremony and Scholarship Presentations

Saturday, August 26, 2017 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location:

**George Pierce Park Community Center
55 Buford Hwy NE, Suwanee, GA 30024**

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the applicant must satisfy ALL of the following requirements:

1. Must be of verifiable Laotian descent
2. Must be a college student (High School Senior, College Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior)
3. Must be a Georgia resident
4. Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
5. Cannot be a recipient of an LAS Scholarship more than 4 times in the past, and NOT a winner the previous year
6. Must be currently enrolled in or accepted to an undergraduate degree program at an accredited University, Community or Technical College in the United States, with a class load equal to at least Part Time student

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS & SPECIAL NOTES

- Application package must be mailed and postmarked no later than Wednesday August 16, 2017
- Application materials will not be returned
- Essays and personal resume must be typed
- Video presentation must have clear audio and visuals when emailed/uploaded
- You will be notified via e-mail whether you have been chosen to receive the LAS Scholarship
- Scholarship winners must attend the LAS Scholarship Ceremony on Saturday Morning, August 26, 2017 at George Pierce Park Community Center to receive the scholarship. If travel and distance is a problem, it is up to the LAS Board to decide if attendance is necessary.

All questions should be sent to LAS Education Board at: education@lasga.org or info@lasga.org

2017 LAS Board Members & Contact Information

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The Laotian American Society and the Education Department is dedicated to protecting the privacy of student education records and therefore, all items submitted for Student Award Nominations will be collected and secured by the Education Department governed by Education Board of the Laotian American Society in accordance to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99).



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1) PRESENT ACADEMIC STATUS

<input type="checkbox"/> High School Student	<input type="checkbox"/> College Student (Full Time)	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Adult / Part Time Student
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	SS#
Address / City / Zip			
Email	Phone	Date of Birth	

2) EDUCATION

Name of High School, College, or University		
School Address		
Degree Pursuing / Major	GPA	Student Status <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time
Name of Intended School		Expected Start Date
School Address		Intended Field of Study

4) PERSONAL / PROFESSIONAL RESUME or CV

Create a resume listing: achievements, academic honors, community service, interests, hobbies, and work or life experience that you consider important.

5) HEADSHOT PHOTO and VIDEO PRESENTATION

Please email a standard (i.e. non casual) headshot photo to education@lasga.org or info@lasga.org, with your Name in the Subject field.

Email, or Send us a link if the file is too big (Dropbox or Google Drive or unlisted Youtube), to a short 30 second to 1 minute long video that tells the Scholarship Grading committee “Who You are, Why you are applying for the LAS Scholarship, and how you can help our extended Lao Community” This can be VLOG style or any other creative style.

6) ESSAY TOPICS

Please choose 1 of the following topics to write your Essay. Your answer must be typed and in double-spaced format. Each essay should be no more than two (2) pages long, 12 point font.

1. Asian Americans are still perhaps wrongly defined as the model minority. Define a problem that you believe exists in the Laotian community. How do you feel it could be solved? What is your involvement in your community? (Can be any community; not limited to the Laotian community)
2. Laotian Americans still rank amongst the lowest in high school graduation rates. Why do you value education? Seeing as how the older Lao generation might not have the opportunities you do now, how might you convince somebody to finish and/or continue their education?
3. What is unique about being a Laotian American today? What are some of the challenges, disadvantages or advantages about having a non traditional culture and heritage in America today? Going forward how will you treat the word “Diversity” in your personal and professional life?

*Bonus question for all topics: If called upon, What programs or activities would you like to volunteer with in LAS?

7) CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby certify that the information in this application and its supporting documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must inform the LAS Scholarship Committee of any changes in address, enrollment, or financial circumstances. I understand that if LAS has questions in regards to my application or essay, they reserve the right to contact myself. This information is to be used solely for the purpose of determining my eligibility for the LAS Scholarship. I agree to allow LAS to share the information I have provided with any other student aid funding source for which I may be eligible. I authorize LAS to use my name for the purposes of community relations and program evaluation. I give permission to LAS to use photographs or video footage of my participation in LAS Scholarship activities and related functions in educational and promotional materials benefiting various LAS Programs. I understand that if I am selected as a LAS Scholarship recipient, I will commit to and volunteer ten community service hours with LAS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____