

# **TWELVE CLANS SCHOLARS**

“Ziepc Nyeic Fingx Iu-Mienh”

Academic Scholarship Application

## **Mission Statement:**

The “Twelve Clans Scholars: Ziepc Nyeic Fingx Iu-Mienh” is a partnership academic scholarship program between the Iu Mien Student Conference (IMSC) Committee of United Iu Mien Community, Inc. (UIMC, Inc.) with support from the Iu Mien Student Association (IMSA) at UC Davis. The purpose of the Twelve Clans Scholars program is to identify and provide financial support to Iu-Mien students who are involved in community leadership and the cultural preservation of the Iu-Mien people in their pursuit of higher education.

## **Eligibility:**

Applicants must be Iu-Mien high school seniors who will be attending a post secondary institution after high school and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. All graduating Iu-Mien high school seniors are strongly encouraged to apply. Students must submit a completed application form, along with the required documents by mail postmarked no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

## **Required Documents:**

- An official transcript, which must be sealed by the applicant’s high school of attendance.
- At least one (maximum of two) Letter(s) of Recommendation from a community leader, employer, teacher, and/or an instructor is required. The letter should detail the applicant’s background, achievements, leadership abilities, and community involvement.
- A resume (no cover letter)
- A short essay based on one of the two topics below.

## **Essay Questions:**

Please choose one of the following two questions to write a short-essay to include with the scholarship application. Choose only one topic out of the two. The essay must be a minimum of 2 pages (a maximum of four pages), size 12 font typed, double-spaced, and with proper MLA citation if necessary.

1. What is the future of the Iu-Mien community? Identify a current issue in the Iu-Mien community and culture that you consider a problem and discuss ways you can help to resolve it. Discuss how the issue affects individuals, families, and the surrounding (non-Mien) society and the ways that others can contribute to the problems resolution.
2. Growing up as an Iu-Mien American, you have witnessed both positive and negative characteristics of the Iu-Mien community(s). What are the greatest strengths you see within the community and how have they influenced you? If you amend one or more component(s) about the Iu-Mien community(s), what would they be? At what levels would these changes need to take place and how would you implement those changes?

## **Scholarship Terms and Conditions:**

The Twelve Clans Scholars program awards between \$250.00 to \$500.00 depending on need and achievement; a scholarship award amount for each recipient is decided at the discretion of the IMSC Committee of UIMC, Inc. and IMSA at UC Davis. Scholarship recipients must enroll in and attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the academic year following their high school graduation. Verification of enrollment is required. Scholarship awards may be applied towards tuition, books, campus fees, room/board, and other appropriate education related expenses. Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the financial aid office at the recipient’s school in the fall for the recipients to claim. A written notice will be mailed to all scholarship recipients for the upcoming school year a month before classes begin containing information about their award amount and when and where they may pick-it up.

## **Submission of the Application:**

Only completed applications **postmarked no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008** will be accepted and reviewed; incomplete applications will not be considered. Please mail all completed applications to:

Twelve Clans Scholars (IMSC/IMSA)  
C/O Iu Mien Student Conference  
United Iu Mien Community, Inc.  
6000 Lemon Hill Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

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## **APPLICANT’S GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Message: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICANT’S SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CERTIFICATION & AUTHORIZATION**

All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am authorized to apply for enrollment into a post secondary institution for this upcoming academic school year. I hereby authorize the Twelve Clans Scholars program to utilize the information that I have provided in my completed application and/or my likeness for publicity and public relations purposes.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

NOTE: Mail official transcript, letter of recommendation, resume, and short essay along with this application **postmarked no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to the above address.**