



Tzu Chi Scholars 2025

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

\$1,500 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

Tzu Chi Scholars is a scholarship program funded by Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation to recognize and provide financial assistance to outstanding college-bound high school graduates. Tzu Chi Scholars are selected on the basis of their financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement. Each Scholar will receive an award of \$1,500. In Chinese, “tzu” means compassion and “chi” means relief. Founded in 1966 by Dharma Master Cheng Yen, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation has dedicated itself to the areas of charitable services, medical services, education, humanistic culture, environmental protection, international relief, marrow donor registry, 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 inspire compassion in others. Through sincerity, integrity, trust, and honesty, Tzu Chi volunteers serve all who need assistance, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. Please visit our website at us.tzuchi.org for more information.

Eligibility

1. Demonstrates the financial need for college tuition
2. Is a U.S. high school graduating senior or equivalent
3. Has a minimum 3.0 GPA
4. Will enroll in an accredited U.S. college full-time for the academic year 2025-2026

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 financial need:
 - a. Family's complete set of 2024 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return including all schedules, or
 - b. Family's complete set of 2023 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return including all schedules and most recent 2024 W-2 and 1099, or
 - c. Any official documentation which serves as proof of financial hardship
4. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, and/or other advisors
5. A typed autobiography (2 to 5 pages) that explains why you should be awarded a scholarship. Please include all of the following:
 - Reason for your financial need and application for this educational scholarship
 - Your personal and academic achievements with specific examples
 - Your academic and career plans with specific goals
 - Your past and current involvement, as well as plans, towards making a difference in your community
6. A two-page essay about Tzu Chi, based on the information you've gathered from websites, publications, news articles, etc. Please explain what you have learned about Tzu Chi that inspires you in any way. Express your thoughts openly and honestly.

*** Only applications that include the complete set of required documents mentioned above will be considered.**

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

***** Recipients of the scholarship will be announced by mail in or before May 2025.**

Application Process & Award Announcement

1. Please send your application package via mail or email to the Tzu Chi Foundation Regional Office that is assigned to serve the area of your current home and indicate: **Attn: Tzu Chi Scholars Program** (Please see the next page for details)
2. The application form and supporting documents must be postmarked by **March 31, 2025.** (March 15, 2025 Due for the Mid-Atlantic Region)
3. A home visit/interview may be required in the application process.

*** Tzu Chi Scholars will be honored at the Scholarship Award Ceremony at the nearest Tzu Chi Regional Office in May/June 2025. The \$1,500 award will be directly deposited in the student's college of choice account when all forms are completed and processed.**



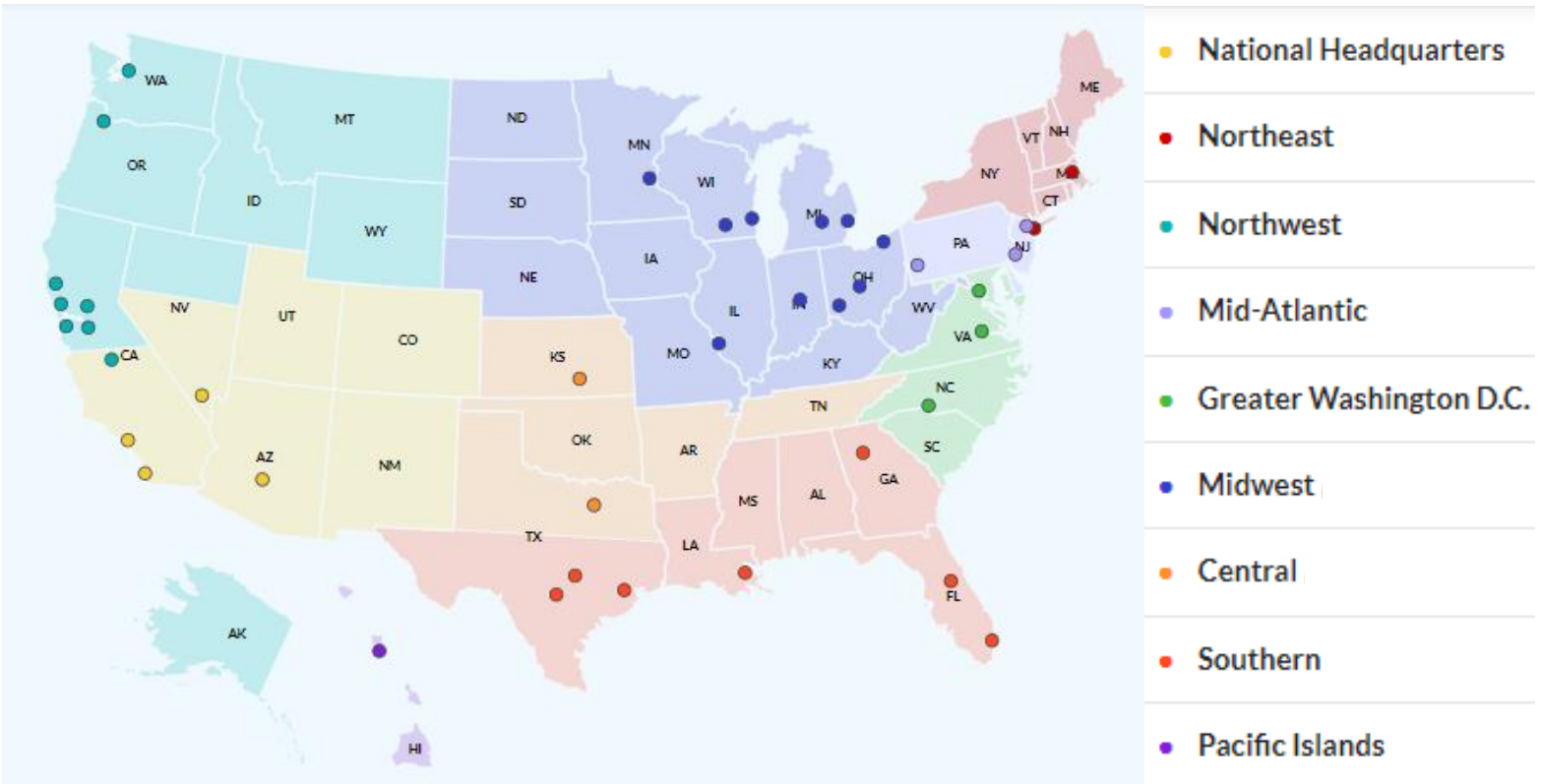
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- ◇ **Headquarters Region** (S. CA/S. NV/AZ/UT/NM/CO)
1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773
Tel: 909-447-7799
Email: HQscholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Central Region** (N. TX/KS/OK/AR/TN)
534 W. Belt Line Rd., Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: 972-680-8869
Email: CENScholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Mid-Atlantic Region** (KY/PA/WV/DE/NJ)
150 Commerce Rd., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
Tel: 973-857-8666
Email: MAscholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Midwest Region**
(OH/ND/SD/MN/WI/MI/NE/IA/MO/IL/IN)
1430 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561
Tel: 630-963-6601
Email: MWscholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Northeast Region** (NY/VT/NH/ME/MA/RI/CT)
137-77 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354
Tel: 718-888-0866
Email: NEScholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Northwest Region** (N. CA/N. NV/OR/WA/ID/MT/WY/AK)
2355 Oakland Rd., San Jose, CA 95131
Tel: 408-457-6969
Email: NWScholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Pacific Islands Region** (HI/GU)
1238 Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu, HI 96816
Tel: 808-737-8885
Email: Plscholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Southern Region** (S. TX/LA/FL/MS/AL/GA)
6200 Corporate Dr., Houston, TX 77036
Tel: 713-270-9988
Email: SOUScholars@tzuchi.us
- ◇ **Washington D.C. Region** (DC/MD/NC/SC/VA)
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Tel: 703-707-8606
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Scholarship Application Form Application postmark deadline: March 31, 2025. (March 15, 2025 Due for the Mid-Atlantic Region)

* Please PRINT clearly

APPLICANT					
Name	Last	First	Middle	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Home Address (street, city, state, country, zip code)				Date of Birth	MM/DD/YY
				Phone	()
				Email	
Parent or Guardian			High School Name		
Counselor			High School Address		
GPA (e.g.: 3.20)			High School Phone Number		
College You Plan to Attend			Planned Major (Write "Undecided if not sure)		
Ethnic Group (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/API <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American *Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or disability. <input type="checkbox"/> Latino or Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or American Indian				
Extracurricular Activities in High School <i>(Please attach an extra sheet if more space is needed)</i>					
Financial Documents Included	<input type="checkbox"/> 2024 1040 U.S. Tax Return, including all schedules <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules, 2024 W-2 and 1099 <input type="checkbox"/> 2024 1040 U.S. Tax Return, including all schedules, 2025 W-2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules, 2024 1099 <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Government agency-recognized documentation)				
Annual Household Income			Number of People in Your Household		
REFERENCES					
Name	Relationship	Phone Number	Email Address		
I certify that the information contained in this application is true.					
Applicant's Signature _____				Date _____	