



# 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 and environmental protection. Guided by the four basic Buddhist principles of kindness, compassion, joy, and unselfish giving, Tzu Chi strives to ease suffering on earth and to inspire compassion in others by promoting community volunteerism, both locally and internationally. Through sincerity, integrity, trust, and honesty, Tzu Chi volunteers serve all who need assistance, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. In addition, Tzu Chi has established bone marrow registries and provides services for international relief. Please visit our website at [www.tzuchi.us](http://www.tzuchi.us).

#### Eligibility

1. Demonstrates **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 entire 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, 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 (minimum two 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 future plans, towards making a difference in your community
6. A one-page short 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 which include the complete set of required documents mentioned above will be considered.

\*\* For scholarship application and information, please visit our website at [www.tzuchi.us](http://www.tzuchi.us).

\*\*\* Recipients of the scholarship will be announced by mail on May 08, 2025.

#### Application Process & Award Announcement

1. Please send your application package to your nearest Tzu Chi Foundation Regional Office and indicate:

**Attn: Tzu Chi Scholars Program**

- ✧ **National Headquarters** (S. CA/S. NV/AZ/UT/NM/CO)  
1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773  
**Tel: 909-447-7799**
- ✧ **Central Region** (N. TX/KS/OK/AR/TN)  
534 W. Belt Line Rd., Richardson, TX 75080  
**Tel: 972-680-8869**
- ✧ **Mid-Atlantic Region** (DE/NJ/PA)  
150 Commerce Rd., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009  
**Tel: 973-857-8666**
- ✧ **Midwest Region** (KY/WV/OH/ND/SD/MN/WI/MI/NE/IA/MO/IL/IN)  
1430 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561  
**Tel: 630-963-6601**
- ✧ **Northeast Region** (NY/VT/NH/ME/MA/RI/CT)  
137-77 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354  
**Tel: 718-888-0866**
- ✧ **Northwest Region** (N. CA/N. NV/OR/WA/ID/MT/WY)  
2355 Oakland Rd., San Jose, CA 95131  
**Tel: 408-457-6969**
- ✧ **Pacific Islands Region** (HI/GU/AK)  
1238 Wilhelmina Rise, Honolulu, HI 96816  
**Tel: 808-737-8885**
- ✧ **Southern Region** (S. TX/LA/FL/MS/AL/GA)  
6200 Corporate Dr., Houston, TX 77036  
**Tel: 713-270-9988**
- ✧ **Washington D.C. Region** (DC/MD/NC/SC/VA)  
1516 Mooring Dr., Reston, VA 20190  
**Tel: 703-707-8606**

2. The application form and supporting documents must be received by **March 15, 2025**.
3. A home visit/interview is **required** in the application process.

\* Tzu Chi Scholars will be honored at the Scholarship Award Ceremony at the nearest Tzu Chi Regional Office on June 14, 2025. The \$1,500 award will be directly deposited in the account of the student's college of choice when all forms are completed and processed.



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### Scholarship Application Form

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025

\* Please PRINT clearly

| APPLICANT                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |
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| Name                                                                                                                                                                                       | Last         | First                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Male<br><input type="checkbox"/> Female                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    |  |
| Address                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                         | Date of Birth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MM/DD/YYYY                         |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                         | Home Phone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (      )                           |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                         | Cell Phone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (      )                           |  |
| Parent or Guardian                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                         | Student's E-mail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    |  |
| High School                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                         | High School Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                    |  |
| Counselor                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                         | High School Phone Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    |  |
| College You Plan to Attend                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                         | Planned Major                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |  |
| GPA                                                                                                                                                                                        |              | Ethnic Group (Optional) | <div><input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Asian American (original country _____)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Asian (country _____)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino (country _____)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicano</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaska Native</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</div> |                                    |  |
| Extracurricular Activities in HS                                                                                                                                                           |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |
| Financial Documents Included <input type="checkbox"/> 1040 U.S. Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____                                                                           |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |
| Household Income:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Below \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-\$30,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-\$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> above \$50,000 |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of People in Your Household |  |
| REFERENCES                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |
| Name                                                                                                                                                                                       | Relationship | Phone Number            | Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                    |  |
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| I certify that the information contained in this application is true.                                                                                                                      |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |
| Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____                                                                                                                                                     |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                    |  |



Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region

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# College Tuition?

Tzu Chi Foundation is pleased to announce its annual scholarship program for students with financial need and academic achievements.

Open to all High School Seniors

Selected applicants will receive **\$1,500** in tuition assistance.

**Deadline: March 15, 2025**

**See your college counselor for details.**