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Hmong American Partnership Announces 2012 Scholarships for Hmong Students

Hmong American Partnership is currently inviting applications from students for the 2012 Hmong Scholarship Award competition. This is the 15th year Hmong American Partnership has been able to offer Scholarship Awards. **Application deadline: March 2, 2012**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be Hmong,
- reside in Minnesota, and
- demonstrate financial need.

Awards will be made in March 2012. These scholarship awards are disbursed from the Hmong American Partnership Educational Endowment, established by a generous gift from an anonymous donor whose intent was to help Hmong students in Minnesota attain their educational goals.

The Educational Endowment will provide two types of scholarships this year: Leadership and Non-Traditional Student Scholarships.

- Leadership scholarships are given to seniors graduating from high school in 2012 who have demonstrated leadership and scholastic excellence. The student must use the scholarship for direct educational expenses. Each scholarship is a one-time award, which must be used within two years.
- Non-Traditional Student scholarships are given to students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic excellence. "Non-traditional" is defined as more than 22 years old, married, OR a single parent. The non-traditional scholarships may be used for any educational-related needs. Students in technical, occupational, and apprenticeship programs are especially encouraged to apply.

The scholarship application form may be downloaded from:

<http://www.hmong.org/resources/1/Press%20Releases/2012%20HAP%20scholarship%20Application%20Form.pdf>

For more information about application packages, the scholarship awards, or Hmong American Partnership, please call Kabo Yang at (651) 291-1811, ext 222.

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 2, 2012, or hand delivered to 1075 Arcade Street, St. Paul, MN 55106 by 5:00 p.m. on **March 2, 2012**.

About Hmong American Partnership

Hmong American Partnership was founded in 1990 in response to the needs and concerns of Minnesota's growing Hmong community. Our mission is *to empower the community to embrace the strengths of our cultures while achieving our potential*. From the beginning, the agency was designed to be a community-based non-profit organization that would draw equally on the strengths of Hmong culture and of other American cultures. Today Hmong American Partnership provides a wide range of services designed to meet the needs of low-income community members. Services include Employment Assistance and Job Placement, Education and Training (ESL and computer classes), After School Enrichment, Mentoring and Youth Activities, Family Support, Counseling, and an Elders Program.

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