

Vietnamese-American Dreams Scholarship

The Intercollegiate Vietnamese Student Association of New England (NEIVSA) established the Vietnamese-American Dreams Scholarship in 2001 to help young people pursue higher education in a field that fuels their passion. It is awarded to Vietnamese-American students who exhibit great leadership, service, and appreciation for the Vietnamese culture.



Through their partnership with the Vietnamese-American Community of Massachusetts (VACMA), NEIVSA has awarded scholarships to over forty aspiring Vietnamese-American students since 2001 and this year hopes to provide financial assistance to both high school seniors and college students.

Applicants will be judged according to their merits in academics, community involvement, leadership, and character. We strongly encourage ALL eligible Vietnamese-American youths to apply. Selection will be conducted by the NEIVSA Scholarship Cabinet. Finalists may be contacted for online interviews, which will take place over Google Hangouts in March/April. The winners will be announced at the organization's annual Awards Gala early May. Please note that the winners will be required to provide proof of enrollment of their selected colleges and are encouraged to participate in their college VSA, NEIVSA, and/or the Vietnamese Community of their state upon receiving the Vietnamese-American Dreams Scholarship.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Vietnamese-American Dreams Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Must be Vietnamese/Vietnamese-American.
- Be a senior at the time of your application
- Must provide proof of enrollment (i.e. letter of enrollment or tuition deposit, etc.)

Scholarship: Scholarships up to \$1000 will be granted.

Scholarship Deadline: Completed materials must be submitted via application link by March 1, 2019.

Submission Form: http://bit.ly/DREAMS_SCHOLARSHIP_HS

For additional information, please contact:

NEIVSA Scholarship

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Application Form Will Include:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- High School
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Email
- Current Cumulative GPA
- All College/Universities Applying To
- Major/Minor
- Are you the first person in your family to go to college?

Extracurricular Activities:

Please list your extracurricular activities with short descriptions. Include the length of time you were involved, any positions you held, and activities you participated in or responsibilities you had. May include part-time/summer jobs/co-op. Resumes are permitted.

Essay Questions:

Complete two of the following questions and provide a thoughtful response to each. Remember to answer the questions completely. Keep each response to 750 words maximum.

1. How has the Vietnamese culture (i.e. language, food, culture, family, holidays) shape who you are? **(Mandatory Essay Question)**
2. Describe a personal experience that you've been a part of that has helped to shape your community. How has that helped build your sense of service for others?
3. Create your own hypothetical charity (no restrictions). Can be focused on global issues, local, Vietnamese-based or AAPI-based, etc.
4. Describe influential role model of Vietnamese ethnicity that has positively impacted your life.
5. Choose a quote and explain why it is important to you and how does it influence you on a daily basis. No celebrities/entertainers or athletes and media.
6. In a journal format, write a entry of advice to your 13 year old self.

Extra Materials (Optional): Extra material may be submitted.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. *Completed application form*
2. *List of Extracurricular Activities/Resume*
3. *Essays Questions (≤ 750 words each)*
4. *Recommendation letter from a non-family member*
5. *Recommendation letter from a guidance counselor or teacher*
6. *Latest transcript (photocopy accepted)*