



Trung tâm Văn hóa Âu Cơ - Quỹ Phát Thưởng
Au Co Vietnamese Cultural Center – Vietnamese Academic Award Foundation



APPLICATION FOR THE 2024-2025 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD & HARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FOR 12TH GRADERS

(Applicants must be students of Vietnamese descent/heritage)

Deadline: Applications must be received by May 3rd, 2025

If you wish to submit this application and all required documents online. Click or go to the tinyURL link below.

[2025 Scholarship Award Online Submission](#)

Application for (Please check one or both):

Outstanding Academic and Outstanding First Generation Scholarships (required GPA of 3.5 or higher)

Hardship Scholarship (required GPA of 3.0 or higher)*

**Please attach a copy of your parents' 2024 federal tax return(s) for income verification. If the 2024 federal tax return is not available, please attach a copy of their 2023 federal tax return(s).*

If a federal tax return is not attached, you **will only be considered for the Outstanding Academic and Outstanding First Generation Award, not the Hardship Scholarship.*

Checklist (Be sure that all components are present. Incomplete applications will not be processed):

This 2025 Outstanding Academic Award and Hardship Scholarship Application (Signed and Dated)

Federal Tax Returns (Only required for students applying for the Hardship Scholarship)

Student Information

High School Record

Unofficial Transcripts

Extracurricular Activities

Awards and Special Recognitions

Work Experience

Letters of Recommendation

Essays

Key Essay

Supplementary Essay 1: iii

Supplementary Essay 2: iv

I. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name

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Last Name

First Name

Middle

Home Address

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Contact Information

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Phone Number

Email Address

College Applied Information

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College(s) Accepted to

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College of Choice

Career/Study Interest

II. HIGH SCHOOL RECORD:

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High School Name

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High School Address

a. **GPA:** Attach unofficial transcripts for grades 9, 10, 11, and Spring semester for grade 12

For parts b, c, and d, please attach additional sheets following the given formats if more space is required. Include your name, email, and phone number on all additional sheets. If any field does not apply to you, please write "N/A".

b. Please list all **extracurricular activities**:

Extracurricular Activities	Check All That Apply				Approx. # of Hours / Week	Leadership / Positions(s) Held
	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th		

c. Please list all **awards** and **special recognitions** you have received from your high school or community:

Name of Award	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th

d. Please identify any **work experience**, including volunteer work, you have:

Position	Employer (SE if Self-Employed)	How Long?	Approx. # of Hours / Week	Volunteer?

III. **FIRST GENERATION TO ATTEND COLLEGE:** to be considered **First Generation Scholarship**, students whose parents have not earned a four year undergraduate degree, please answer the questions below. (Leave blank if not applicable).

Parents Name	Graduated in school	Y e a r	The Degree of

My signature below indicates that all the information in my application is true and correct, the essay is my own work, and any necessary verification will be provided upon request.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If there is additional information you believe the scholarship committee should be aware of or consider (any information not mentioned above), please attach on a separate sheet.

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Please ask **two** of your high school teachers or any adult whom you have worked with to write a letter about your academic performance, skills, potential, or anything else that the committee should take into consideration and submit them with this application.

VI. ESSAYS (must be typed): Please attach **three** clear, well-organized essays answering the key prompt, as well as 2 of the 4 supplementary prompts:

- **Key Essay Prompt** (*maximum 500 words*): Describe how your Vietnamese heritage has influenced your dreams and aspirations.
- **Supplementary Essays** (*maximum 250 words each*): Choose 2 of 4 prompts below.
 - i. Describe how you want to support or how you have supported the Vietnamese community or the community in general.
 - ii. Tell us how the Vietnamese Academic Award Foundation will help you advance your personal goals.
 - iii. Identify a challenge you experienced during the 2021-22 Covid-19 pandemic and how you worked toward overcoming it.
 - iv. Who do you admire? Why?

*Please note: Applicants have the option to write the essay in **English**, or **Vietnamese**. Neither English nor Vietnamese will have an advantage over the other. No extra points will be granted to the evaluation of your application if the essay is written in both languages.*

Mail Applications to: Academic Achievement Award P.O. Box 347042 San Francisco, CA 94134 Postmarked by: May 3, 2025	Submit Online by using this link Scholarship Online Documents Submission Received by: May 3, 2025, 11.59 PM
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