



## **Iu-Mien Student Conference Achievement Scholarship Award**

The Iu-Mien Student Achievement Scholarship Award is an academic scholarship award developed by the Iu-Mien Student Conference Committee of the United Iu-Mien Community, Incorporated. For more than ten years, the committee has awarded several numbers of scholarships and has gained support from community organizations and various Iu-Mien student groups such as the Iu-Mien Student Union of UC Berkeley (IMSU) as well as the Iu-Mien Student Association at UC Davis (IMSA). The Iu-Mien Student Achievement Scholarship Award understands the many hardships Iu-Mien students face and this serves to provide educational support to talented and unique Iu-Mien high school seniors as they pursue higher education. Iu-Mien high school seniors who are involved in community service and have taken on leadership roles are encouraged to apply.

*The number of scholarships awarded varies each year depending on funds development.*

### **Eligibility**

Iu-Mien high school students who have maintained an overall 2.5 GPA and are planning to attend a post-secondary institution after high school are eligible to apply.

### **To Apply**

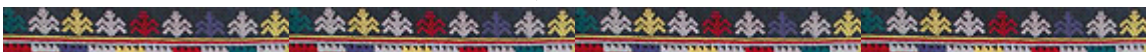
Applicants must submit an Iu-Mien Student Conference Achievement Scholarship Award application along with supporting documents:

- Personal Statement (Refer to the application package for prompts)
- Minimum of one Letter of Recommendation (from a community leader, counselor, employer, or teacher)
- Sealed official transcript
- Resume (*Optional*)

All applications packages must be completed and mailed by **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

### **Submit your application package by mail to:**

IMSC Achievement Scholarship Award  
United Iu-Mien Community, Inc.  
Mutual Housing of Lemon Hill  
6000 Lemon Hill Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824-3264







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## SCHOLARSHIPS (List all the scholarship awards you intend to apply for, have applied for, received or will receive)

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please type your essay on a separate page and attach it to the application package. All parts of the prompt must be completed. The format is **12 point font, double-spaced on 1” margins**. Please limit your personal statement to **2-3 pages**.

- Note: To allow creativity, we will allow an alternative to the 2-3 page written personal statement. You may choose to respond to the personal statement questions in forms such as a video (burned copy of your computer formatted video clip no longer than 10 minutes), painting, audio (on CD no longer than 10 minutes), poem etc. However, in addition to your submission piece, you must at least describe what you are presenting to us and why you chose to respond to the personal statement in this form (1-2 paragraphs). Remember, ALL parts of the personal prompt must be addressed.

Please respond to the following questions:

- *Share an experience in which you were faced with a challenge or obstacle and describe how you managed to overcome such adversity.*
- *What does it mean for you to be Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa (Iu-Mien American)?*
- *Evaluate an issue in the Iu-Mien community you are concerned about, and describe how you would help solve the problem.*

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, community leader or employer. Please ask your recommender to address the following:

- Years of acquaintance
- Your strengths and qualifications
- A personal evaluation of your leadership skills
- Describe your achievements
- Illustrate your potential
- Any substantial information he/she wishes to provide us to aid our selection process.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Please attach a sealed transcript from your high school registrar. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

**RESUME** *(Optional)*

We highly encourage that you attach a resume to your application package. This may serve to enhance our understanding of your accomplishments and interests.

*Thank You for applying for the Iu-Mien Student Conference Achievement Scholarship Award. We appreciate your time in completing the application and we look forward to reading your application.*

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

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## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Iu-Mien Student Conference**

**“Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa; A Re-Defining Movement!”**

**January 15, 2010**

**California State University, Sacramento**

As an Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa, one can often find themselves torn between two worlds; maintaining the Iu-Mien culture and simultaneously embracing the Aa-me-li-gaa culture. The 12th annual Iu-Mien Student Conference: “Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa; A Re-Defining Movement!” will attempt to help Iu-Mien youth bridge the two worlds and re-define what it means to be an Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa.

The conference hopes to achieve this by allowing attendees to unpack issues surrounding the complex identity of Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa through series of highly interactive workshops. Community members will lead the workshops to center on various topics such as Iu-Mien culture, history, identity, education, careers, and community service. From this dialogue, we hope that students will gain a deeper understanding of their community, recognize the circumstance in which their community has come to exist in America, and acknowledge the continuous progress in which the Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa community has reached. The workshops will surely provide youth with living examples from the Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa community which will not only encourage students to see the vast opportunities in their own lives but also allow them to visualize a re-defined Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa; capable of succeeding in America and passionate about serving the community.

We hope that students will be empowered to come into terms with their Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa identity that spans to include cultural appreciation, academic success, community progress, community service and greater self-esteem. The members of committee for IMSC 12 are optimistic that conference attendees will leave with this profound message and join the movement to re-define Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa for themselves as well as the future for all Iu-Mien in Aa-me-li-gaa.

**Please join us in the movement to re-define Iu-Mien Aa-me-li-gaa!**