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Gaden Phodrang Foundation
of the Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship

GUIDELINE NEW APPLICATION 2022-23

Background

The purpose of the scholarship is to further the human capital development of the Tibetan people by providing scholarships to eighteen exceptional students of Tibetan descent for the pursuit of graduate studies in a field of their choice. The Gaden Phodrang Foundation of the Dalai Lama (the Foundation) offers the scholarships with the intent to alleviate the cost of graduate education with awareness that the scholarship awards of USD 5,000 – 10,000 cannot cover the full tuition for any student. The Foundation provides the scholarships on behalf of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama who has designated and endowed the Foundation as a proper vehicle to assist humanity.

Award Amount

Scholarships of USD 5,000 and USD 10,000 are to be awarded to students who demonstrate excellence within their chosen fields and whose future career plans embrace both, the Tibetan culture of Compassion and Wisdom, and a commitment to give back to their communities and benefit humanity.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must have already been enrolled in or be accepted to a full-time graduate degree program at a university in Europe, the Americas, Australia and Asia excluding the Indian Subcontinent.
2. Applicants must show proof of Tibetan heritage and continuity of *Dhanglang Chatrel* (Green Book) contribution.
3. Applicants are solely and directly responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to attend the university of their choice.
4. Eligible candidates must be pursuing graduate studies, whether at the Master's or Ph.D. level.
5. All graduate programs should be at least one year or multi-year, full-time courses, offered by accredited universities preferably ranked in the top tiers of the respective country.
6. Current recipients who wish to renew their scholarships are required to submit a separate renewal application. However, renewals are limited to two years.

Deadline

The complete application form, along with all supporting documents must be received online on or before **April 24, 2022 (11:59 PM Zurich: GMT+1)**. All information provided in the application must be complete, correct and submitted by time. Incomplete applications as well as submissions after the deadline will not qualify for grant consideration.

All applications will be acknowledged by email. The applications are evaluated by the independent Selection Committee of the Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship program. Selected applicants will be contacted for a Skype or phone interview. The final decisions are communicated by email in July 2022.

New application required documents

- Completed application form:
→ www.dalailamafoundation.org/the-dalai-lama-scholarship/application/
- Photograph
- Curriculum vitae
- Two essay responses (each 500 words max):
 1. Describe your motivation for pursuing your intended field of study; including how/why you selected your graduate institution.
 2. Describe how you view yourself and your work in connection to the Tibetan people and the future of Tibet.
- Official undergraduate transcript record
- Copy of acceptance letter or enrolment form for intended graduate institution
- Signed three written letters of recommendation (at least two academic references) must be sent directly by the referees to: gp-foundation@dalailama.com.
- Copy of valid Green Book with *Dhanglang Chatrel* dues paid up to 2021 (1st page, 2nd page and last paid page)
- Standard Financial statements that clearly show the students or parents fiscal fitness to support educational expenses. Tax filing report. Wage report. Bank statement.
- Any university scholarships.

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