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Gaden Phodrang Foundation
of the Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship 2023-24

GUIDELINE FOR NEW APPLICATION

Background

The scholarship aims to further the human capital development of the Tibetan people by providing scholarships to 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 scholarships with the intent to alleviate the cost of graduate education with the awareness that scholarship awards up to USD 10,000 cannot cover the full tuition and living costs 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 up to 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 pursue graduate studies 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 wishing to renew their scholarships must submit a separate renewal application. However, renewals are limited to two years.

Deadline

The complete application form and supporting documents must be received online on or before **April 23, 2023 (11:59 PM Zurich: GMT+1)**. All information the application provides must be complete, correct, and submitted on time. Incomplete applications, as well as submissions after the deadline, will not qualify for grant consideration.

All applications will be acknowledged by email. The independent Selection Committee of the Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship program evaluates the applications. Selected applicants will be contacted for a Skype or phone interview. The final decisions will be communicated by email in July 2023.

Required documents for new applicants:

- Completed application form:
 - www.dalailamafoundation.org/the-dalai-lama-scholarship/application/
- Photo
- Curriculum vitae
- Two essays (each 500 words max):
 1. *Motivation*: Describe your motivation for pursuing your intended field of study, including how and why you selected your graduate institution.
 2. *You & Tibet*: 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
- 3 recommendation letters: the referees must send three written letters of recommendation (at least two academic references) to gp-foundation@dalailama.com.
- Copy of valid Green Book with *Dhanglang Chatrel* dues paid up to 2022 (1st page, 2nd page, and last paid page)
- Financial statements that clearly show the student's or parents' fiscal fitness to support educational expenses.

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