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Khmer Parent Association

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## 2021 VIRTUAL SEA HIGH SCHOOL GRADS & COLLEGE STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Postmarked or E-mails received by Monday, July 5, 2021

Dear Student:

Khmer Parent Association will award scholarships to qualified Southeast Asian High School seniors and qualified College students in the form of **one-time**, non-renewable grants. The minimum is \$500.00 (Actual amount may vary. Based upon funding limitations due to COVID-19). To be eligible, you must be a High School graduating senior in the Long Beach Unified School District who plans to attend a college or junior college in the fall of 2021, or enrolled in a Junior College or University. You must be a child of at least one Southeast Asian parent (Cambodian, Lao, Hmong or Vietnamese).

### SELECTION CRITERIA for HIGH SCHOOL GRADS:

- Major should be Teaching, School Counseling, Public Policy, Public Administration or Mental Health Professional.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **3.00** on a 4.0 scale from Official Transcript.
- Graduating LBUSD high school seniors must be entering a 2- or 4-year college in the upcoming fall semester. Must have proof of acceptance to a college or junior college.
- Academic achievement and potential to succeed in education.
- Essay: 500-word (minimum) essay on **educational, career, and personal goals**. Grammar, structure and content will be graded. An essay in Khmer is extra points.
- 2 Letters of Reference. Should be from a school official (such as a teacher, counselor, or principal), a community leader, a minister or priest or an employer, **not** family, friend or relative.

### SELECTION CRITERIA for COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- Major should be Teaching, School Counseling, Public Policy, Public Administration or Mental Health Professional.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **2.7** on a 4.0 scale from Official Transcript for completed semester.
- College students must be enrolled in a qualified University with one complete semester.
- Academic achievement and potential to succeed in education.
- Essay: 500-word (minimum) essay on **educational, career, and personal goals**. Grammar, structure and content will be graded. An essay in Khmer is extra points.
- 2 Letters of Reference. Should be from a school official (such as a teacher, counselor, or principal), a community leader, a minister or priest or an employer, **not** family, friend or relative.

### CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO:

- Volunteer community service.
- Extracurricular activities in school.
- Work experience.
- Financial need.



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**APPLICATION REQUIREMENT DETAILS**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Hardcopy:**

- Print out pages 3-5 and fill out legibly and sign.
- Essay: size 12 font, typed, 1-inch margins and 1.5-line spacing, **single sided, white paper**.
- Application **pages 3-5** and other materials must be postmarked no later than **Monday, July 5, 2021**.
- Include 2 letters of reference and sealed Official transcript unless they are being mailed separately.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Please **NO staples**, use paper clips if necessary. Mail to:

**KPA Scholarship Committee  
c/o Chan Hopson  
P.O. Box 91955  
Long Beach, Ca. 90809**

**Online:**

- Fill in application and save as PDF. File name should **begin with applicant's last name**.
- Application, reference letters and other scanned materials must be received by **Monday, July 5, 2021**.
- If possible, reference letters should be sent directly from referent's e-mail.
- E-mail all information and correspondence to: [kpascholars@gmail.com](mailto:kpascholars@gmail.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS:**

The decision on your application should be made by **July 9, 2021**.

Award notifications will be mailed shortly after.

Recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony to be held virtually on **Saturday, July 24, 2021**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The Zoom link will be sent out shortly after notification.

For further information, please contact:

Chan Hopson	misschan@khmerparent.org
Sophea Chim	562-453-5423 sopheac278@yahoo.com
Angelina Tran	951-201-3282 a.tran1031@hotmail.com

**Please note mandatory requirements for the recipients below:**

**All the Scholarship recipients will be required to attend the Virtual Scholarship Celebration. You will give back to the community by volunteering in KPA events to educate and encourage youth and future recipients.**

**You will provide 15-20 volunteer hours in online KPA events from July 2021 to July 2022.**



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Date

Last Name:

First Name:

Address: Street & number:

City:

Zip:

Telephone

Male

Female

Primary E-mail:

### RELEASE:

I understand that all information I provide will remain confidential. My signature below certifies that all statements I make in this application and the information I submit to the KPA Scholarship Committee are true and complete. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions. I understand that I may only receive one scholarship administered by KPA. I understand that application materials become the property of KPA and will not be returned.

Furthermore, I understand that once I get selected to be awarded, I must attend the Virtual Scholarship Celebration. I will give back to the community by volunteering in KPA events to encourage and educate youth and future students.

I hereby authorize KPA to utilize information about and from my application and my likeness in film, video or other media for public relations purposes, publicity or documentary to benefit future recipients or for other scholarship opportunities. I will not receive any type of financial compensation associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or their reproduction in other publications, websites, Facebook or other social media. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photographs confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I agree to hereby release and hold harmless KPA, their employees and agents from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself as well as from any and all liability for any and all claims arising out of or relating to my participation in this event.

Your printed signature signifies you have read and agree to the above release. Sign if you are mailing the application.

Signature

Date



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APPLICATION FORM

Ethnicity: (should be one of the first four plus **any others that apply**):

Cambodian       Hmong       Lao       Vietnamese

White       African American       Latino       Other (specify):

to enter text.

Were you born in the U.S.?       Yes       No

If you **were not born** in the U.S., year of arrival in U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of  
Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income:

Under \$10,000       \$10,000 - \$20,000       \$20,001-\$30,000       Over \$30,000

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Desired or Current Major in College/Junior College:

Colleges Applied to (or plan to apply to):

Honors Received in School:

Other Scholarships Applied for:

**Letters of Reference:** For our information, please list the names and positions of the two people you have asked to write to us directly as references. Give each one a copy of the attached "Letter to Referent," page 6 of the application.

Reference #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Volunteer Activities in School and/or Community:

School Yr.: Total hours:

Volunteer Activity: School/Organization:

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### Extracurricular Activities in School and/or Community:

School Yr.: Total hours:

Extracurricular Activity: School/Organization:

School Yr.: Total hours:

Extracurricular Activity: School/Organization:

### Work Experience in School and/or Community:

School Yr.: Total hours:

Work Experience: School/Organization:

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Work Experience: School/Organization:

(Attach an additional sheet if more room is needed)



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Dear Referent:

Thank you for agreeing to provide a letter of reference on behalf of the applicant for a scholarship to be awarded by the Khmer Parent Association. This year, scholarships will be a minimum \$500.00, one-time, non-renewable grants. The student must be a child of at least one Southeast Asian parent (Cambodian, Lao, Hmong or Vietnamese), a graduating High School senior who lives and attends school in the Long Beach Unified School District or a College student in good standing.

The Khmer Parent Association honors those who are the descendants of the survivors of the long and tragic Southeast Asian wars such as Cambodian, Lao, Hmong and Vietnamese. Our ultimate goal is to encourage the children of the above groups to pursue higher education so they can escape from the grip of poverty.

If mailed, the reference letter should be postmarked by **Monday, July 5, 2021**. The letter may be included in the student's scholarship package or mailed separately. The letter should be on letterhead stationery, if possible, and should address the following:

- How long you have known the applicant and in what role.
- The applicant's character.
- The applicant's potential to succeed in college or community college.
- Any other information you think would be helpful to the Committee in making its decision.

Please mail your letter of recommendation to:

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If the letter is e-mailed, please make a PDF and start the file name with the student's last name. E-mail the file, preferably from your school/official e-mail, to: [kpascholars@gmail.com](mailto:kpascholars@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Chan Hopson at 562-276-5888 or via e-mail: [misschan@khmerparent.org](mailto:misschan@khmerparent.org) . Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Chan Hopson  
Class of 2021, Southeast Asian  
Scholarship and Graduation Celebration Chair