



Tzu Chi Scholars 2026 for Continuing Undergraduate Students Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Introduction

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is offering **need-based scholarships** to assist **outstanding Continuing Undergraduate Students** in selected areas across the U.S.

- **Award Amount:** Each selected Scholar will receive an award of **\$1,500**.
- **Selection Criteria:** Scholars are selected based on their **Financial Need, Academic Achievement, and Community Involvement**.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must **meet all** of the following criteria:

1. **Academic Standard:** Must maintain a minimum **3.0 GPA**.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Must continue to be enrolled full-time in an accredited U.S. college for the **2025-2026 academic year**.
3. **Financial Need:** Must demonstrate financial need for college tuition and related expenses.
4. **Service Hours:** Must have completed **50 volunteering hours** with Tzu Chi or other non-profit organizations during the current academic year.
5. **Former Recipients:** This scholarship is **only available to former Tzu Chi Scholarship recipients** (i.e., only for renewals).

Required Documents

Please ensure your application package includes the following four documents:

1. **Application Form:** A **typed, completed** Tzu Chi Scholars application form for current undergraduate students.
2. **College Transcript:** A **latest official college transcript** showing all grades earned in college.
3. **Proof of Financial Need:** A copy of the following financial documents showing the name of the applicant:
 - Family's complete set of **2025 Form 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return** (including all schedules), **OR**
 - Any current **official documentation from a government agency** which serves as proof of financial hardship.
4. **Volunteer Hours Proof:** Written and signed proof of completion of **50 volunteering hours** from a Tzu Chi team leader or local community team advisor.

Application Process & Key Dates

Phase	Description	Date / Note
Submission Method	All necessary documentation must be submitted by uploading them after clicking the "APPLY HERE" button on the official Tzu Chi Scholarship Program 2025-2026 webpage.	Continuing Undergraduate Students
Application Deadline	The application form and all supporting documents must be received by the deadline.	April 15, 2026
Review Process	A home visit or phone interview may be required during the application process.	Please ensure you are reachable.
Result Announcement	Tzu Chi College Scholarship recipients will be announced by this date.	Before the end of May 2026
Award Ceremony	Recipients will be invited to attend the award ceremony.	May/June 2026

Award Disbursement

The **\$1,500 award** will be **directly deposited** into the student's chosen college account once all forms are completed and processed.



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Application postmark deadline: April 15, 2026.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION					
Full Name	Last	First	Middle	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Current Address				Date of Birth	MM/DD/YY
Permanent Address				Home Phone	
E-Mail Address				Cell Phone	
College/University			Major		
College/University Address					
Year(s) of Tzu Chi Scholarship Awarded		Year of Attending	<input type="radio"/> Freshman <input type="radio"/> Sophomore <input type="radio"/> Junior	GPA	
Ethnic Group Optional	<input type="radio"/> Asian/API <input type="radio"/> Black or African-American <input type="radio"/> Latino or Hispanic <input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian <input type="radio"/> Native American or American Indian <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____		*Scholarships are awarded regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or disability.		
Community service involvement in college (<i>Please attach an extra sheet if more space is needed</i>)					
Financial Documents Included	<input type="radio"/> 2025 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules <input type="radio"/> 2024 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules, 2025 W-2 and 1099 <input type="radio"/> 2024 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules, 2025 W-2 <input type="radio"/> 2024 1040 U.S. Tax Return including all schedules, 2025 1099 <input type="radio"/> Others (Government agency-recognized documentation)				
Annual Household Income:				Number of People in Your Household	
I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I may be required to provide additional supporting documentation to verify the information in this application.					
Applicant's Signature _____			Date _____		

Autobiography:(Please limit to 500 words. Your essay may include the following sections)

1. Community Impact
2. Financial Need
3. Achievements
4. Future Goals