

## ASAP Southeast Asian Refugee Theology Tuition Scholarship

### Student Application Guidelines & Requirements

(Established in 2019)

1. This fund is for Southeast Asian **Refugee** Undergraduate Theology or Religion students living in the North American Division (NAD) and attending a Seventh-day Adventist College or University.
2. Must be US or Canadian citizen or have legal refugee status (UNHCR status and/or citizenship status to be provided by applicants and kept on file at ASAP). Applicants must not be on a student visa or foreign passport while attending school.
3. Applicants must provide ASAP Ministries with an application and all necessary documents (See Application for full details).
4. Four personal references included with the application. Should include one North American Division Pastor, a University/College Professor, someone you have worked with in ministry, and a leader from your language group.
5. Financial statements and grade reports to be provided to ASAP Ministries by the applicant for the two semesters/quarters prior to application submission date.
6. Applicant must maintain a passing GPA (2.0 and above).
7. Applicants can apply for scholarship after the completion of their first academic year at the college/university level.
8. Students must provide proof of summer work.
  - This can include summer Literature Evangelism programs and SDA Summer Camps. (*At least one summer of literature evangelism is highly recommended.*)
  - If applicant is engaged in an unpaid summer internship with a pastor/church/conference, please state the details of your service with a letter of recommendation from the Senior Pastor or Head Elder or Administrator.
9. Scholarship is awarded on a graduated matching basis and determined case by case as scholarship funds allow. This scholarship will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.
  - Matching Graduated Scholarships begin with (as funds are available):
    - Sophomore (Second) Year: 100% matching up to \$2000 maximum
    - Junior (Third) Year: 150% matching up to \$3000 maximum
    - Senior (Fourth/Fifth) Year: 200% matching up to \$4000 maximum

*Conflicting aims... 1: matching scholarship based on summer employment. To be determined before the school year starts so the student can receive the needed funds before taking out loans and for obtaining financial clearance. 2: gather student information so they can be fundraised by the sponsorship department and receive funds as they are*

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*available through the semester. Is a solution available to meet these conflicting needs? What would it look like? How would the scholarship function?*

10. Applicants who are planning to serve as pastors among their people group in the North American Division in the future will be given priority. Short term mission trips or student missionary stints are encouraged. Contact ASAP Ministries to inquire about Short-term trips or Student Mission opportunities.

11. ASAP will maintain records of each application and all supporting documents for every applicant requesting the scholarship.

12. Second Semester Emergency Assistance: Upon request and available funding, an emergency distribution of funds may be approved for the second semester. Second semester scholarship distribution must meet the following requirements:

- a) Fill out application requesting second semester assistance and submit to ASAP Ministries. Due by January 8.
- b) Provide proof of earnings from work in the previous semester and/or winter break by submitting: copy of paystub or statement of earnings with a total amount earned during the previous semester and/or winter break.
- c) Submit a finance statement from the college/university detailing what has been paid and what is still needed for the second semester.
- d) Emergency scholarship will be provided on a matching basis only (not a graduated matching basis).

13. After application is submitted and approved, ASAP Ministries will conduct an interview or send a questionnaire to get to know you better. Once obtained we may request your permission to share your story in either written or video recorded format for our Newsletter or Mission Matters videos.

14. Please provide a testimony summarizing how you have seen God work through your year of study and ministry activities. Please submit a couple of photos along with your testimony. We would like to hear how God has guided and blessed you through the semester. Due by May 15 of the year being supported with a scholarship.

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