

# The Refugee Children Scholarship 2023 Application

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*Open to all minorities and/or first-generation college students*

### Introduction

My name is Touk Sinantha (Praseuthsy) and I am a graduate of Raymond High School (RHS) class of 1994. My family and I came to the United States as refugees from Laos in 1981. In 1982, we settled in Raymond where my parents found work opening oysters in South Bend. Since graduating from RHS, I earned my undergraduate degree in Finance from Western Washington University and completed my MBA at the University of Chicago. I currently live in Seattle with my husband (Dha), daughter (Amana), and cat (Oreo). After nearly two decades in the investment business, I founded AltraVue Capital in 2016 with my longtime business partner, DeShay. AltraVue is one of the largest women and minority owned investment company managing almost \$1B in assets. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to pursue my educational and professional goals. I am honored to be able to give back to my community and offer this scholarship.

### Criteria

This scholarship is open to all minorities (Asian, Hispanic, Native American, African American, etc.) and/or first-generation college students (i.e., first in family to attend college). The scholarship will be awarded only in those years when the selection committee and I are able to identify students who possess the focus, discipline and determination required to succeed in college.

### Award

The scholarship is for \$2,000. The student will be awarded \$500 each year over a four-year period, with a two-year limit (\$500 each of two years) for junior college. **The student will be required to renew the scholarship each year by sending me a transcript and one-page update on their progress.** I can be reached at [touk05@gmail.com](mailto:touk05@gmail.com).

### Application Deadline

April 14th, 2023

### Application Checklist

- Application
- Transcript
- One letter of recommendation

A 15-minute phone interview will be conducted with the final candidates in early May.

The winner of the scholarship will be notified in late May.

The scholarship will be awarded on graduation day and the scholarship payment will be sent directly to the specified school of the recipient.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending upon graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

List your school activities and any part-time job:

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## **Essay Questions: (200 word limit per question)**

- 1) Tell us about yourself and what motivates you.
- 2) Discuss your long-term goals and how you plan to achieve them.
- 3) Share the biggest hurdle/challenge you have had to overcome and how you overcame it.
- 4) Who is someone that you most respect and why?