



THE TIBET FUND

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Tibetan Scholarship Program 2013 Announcement (Bhutan, India and Nepal)

The Tibet Fund is pleased to announce the opening of the 2013 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP), a program funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for eligible Tibetan refugees in Bhutan, India and Nepal. Applications are being accepted for two-year master's degree programs in the United States, pending the availability of funds. Application forms are available below.

Two-year Degree Program

- a) Applicants for the two-year master's program in the United States must have secured grades of a minimum of 45 percent in a bachelor's and post-graduate program.
- b) Applicants must have completed at least four years of academic work after class XII including a bachelor's degree. Partial computer courses, vocational training and diplomas from non-recognized academic institutions will not be accepted.
- c) To demonstrate English language skills, applicants must produce a copy of their TOEFL iBT score with a minimum score of 90 out of 120.
- d) Applicants should be born on or after January 1st, 1977.
- e) Selected participants will be required to take the GRE or GMAT exam.

PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS & CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1) **Registration Certificate:** Photocopies of the Registration Certificate (RC) of the applicant, and that of the applicant's parents and spouse (if married) Applicants who reside in Nepal but do not have an RC from Nepal, or are not listed as a dependent on a parent's registration card, must obtain a letter from a CTA-affiliated organization based in Nepal certifying that the applicant is a Tibetan refugee residing in Nepal.
- 2) **Green Book:** Photocopies of the Green Book of applicant, and that of the applicant's parents and spouse (If married). If your parents or spouse are deceased, you need to submit a copy of their death certificate respectively.
- 3) Applicants whose parents live in *Tibet or have passed away* must produce a certificate to this effect from the concerned Settlement Officer where they live or a death certificate respectively.
- 4) **School Certificates:** Applicants must produce year-wise Mark Sheets and Degrees from their respective schools from which they have graduated.
- 5) **Attestation:** All the documents you are submitting for the TSP must be attested by a CTA gazette officer (above the rank of Joint Secretary) or notarized by a Notary Officer.
- 6) **Medical Certificate:** A Fitness Certificate from a registered medical doctor should be submitted. The medical form can be downloaded from the TF website, <http://www.tibetfund.org>.
- 7) **Travel Document:** As there is no provision for an Identity Certificate (IC) extension for TSP candidates studying in the United States, applicants should have their IC renewed or extended during the entire study period in advance.
- 8) **U.S. Visa:** Participants will be required to apply for a J-1 exchange visitor visa from the U.S. Embassy. Selection as a TSP participant does not guarantee approval for a visa. Applicants who have prior visa

denials from the U.S. Embassy must inform the Tibet Fund and the Tibetan Scholarship Program's Student Selection Committee (TSP SCC) at the time of application.

- 9) **No Objection Certificate:** If the Applicant is serving in any institution, he or she should furnish a "No Objection Certificate" from his/her respective employer.
- 10) **Photo:** Applicants must submit three (3) passport-sized photos.
- 11) **Program:** Applicants should choose one major study program from any of the following fields of study as indicated. The fields of study specified below were identified based on the needs and benefit to the Tibetan community and the Central Tibetan Administration. They are arranged in alphabetical order.

Fields of Study:

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| 1. Agriculture | 11. International Law | 19. Natural Resources Management |
| 2. Auditing | 12. International Relations (Negotiations) | 20. Public Administration |
| 3. Banking Management | 13. Inter-Religious Studies | 21. Public Health/Medicine |
| 4. Computer Science | 14. Library and Information Studies (Archives) | 22. Renewal Energy Technologies |
| 5. Counseling | 15. Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology | 23. Rural Development |
| 6. Development Planning | 16. Management & Development | 24. Security and Intelligence Study |
| 7. Education | 17. Mass Communication / Journalism | 25. Sinology and Chinese Studies |
| 8. Environmental Studies | 18. Social Work | 26. Waste Management and Recycling Technology |
| 9. Food Protection | | |
| 10. Human Resource Development | | |

- 12) **Deadline:** Interested applicants are responsible for submitting all application forms and other relevant documents to their respective TSP SSC on or **before March 31, 2012, at 5.00 pm.** No late or incomplete applications will be entertained after the deadline has passed.
- 13) **General Awareness Test on Tibetan Culture and History (GATT):** The applicants will have the option to take a test either in Tibetan or in English. Applicants who take the test in Tibetan will be given two (2) additional points toward the total marks they receive.
- 14) If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please send your queries to the attention of the Tibet Fund's TSP Program Coordinator, Tenzing Choephel Chumeego: tchoephel@tibetfund.org.

Applicants from India and Bhutan, please send by mail your applications materials to the following address:

Thupten Dorjee
Chairman
TSP – Student Selection Committee India
Head Office
Tibetan Children's Village
Dahramsala Cantt. - 176216
(H.P.)
Tel.: 1892 220356 / 220357 / 221348
thuptend@gmail.com
headoffice@tcv.org.in

Applicants from Nepal, please send by mail your applications materials to the following address:

Attn.: Tsering Topgyal
Vice Chairman
TSP – Student Selection Committee Nepal
Snow Lion Foundation
PO Box 1313
Kathmandu
Nepal
Tel.#: 977 1 500- 0036 / 500-0002
tspscnepal@ymail.com

9. Are you married: Yes: _____ No: _____ (If married fill out following information, if not fill in B & C)

A. Spouse's Name	Green Book #	Date and Place of Issue	Valid Until
_____	_____	_____	_____
B. Father's Name	Green Book #	Date and Place of Issue	Valid Until
_____	_____	_____	_____
C. Mother's Name	Green Book #	Date and Place of Issue	Valid Until
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Field of Study:

11. Explain briefly what you want to study in the field of study you have chosen:

12. Have you ever studied any related subject to which you are applying?

13. Academic Qualification:

Name of Institution	Date of Attendance (From - To)	Type of Degree	Year of Completion	Percentage Achieved

14. Work Experience:

Employer Name and Address	Position	Dates (From - To)

15. Special Achievements:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

16. How will you serve the community upon return from the U.S. after the completion of your studies?

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17. How did you find out about the TSP? What is your opinion to spread more awareness on this program to the Tibetan community in India, Nepal, and Bhutan?

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18. Do you possess a Travel Document / IC: Yes No

19. If yes, what is the Travel Document Number / IC Number: _____

20. When does your IC expire: (MM/DD/YYYY): ___/___/_____

21. Answer all these questions:

- 1) Check here if you have ever applied to this program before
- 2) Check here if you have been convicted of a felony crime.
- 3) Check here if you have been dismissed from any university for disciplinary reasons.

- 4) Check here if you have been dismissed from any university for academic reasons.
- 5) Check here if you ever left your school were given a re-exam or resigned from work for any reason

(If you are selected to participate in the program, and you have checked one of the above items, you will be required to submit an explanation.)

Oath of Acceptance/ Commitment:

- I hereby assure that all the information provided in the form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and thoughts.
- I take oath that I will abide by the TSP Letter of Undertaking, which I will sign, if I am selected.

Date: ___ / ___ / ___
mm/dd/yyyy

(Signature of the Applicant)