



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

The Department of Education CTA, Dharamsala and the Tibet Fund are pleased to re-announce the 2013 Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP), funded by the US Department of State's, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs through The Tibet Fund, for eligible Tibetan refugees residing in India, Nepal and Bhutan. This announcement is a revised version of the scholarship announcement published by The Tibet Fund in October 2011. 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.

A new Student Selection Committee has been set up at Dharamsala under the Chairmanship of Kalon Tripa Dr. Lobsang Sangay who is also the Kalon for Education. The members of the committee include:

- (i) Secretary of the Department of Education, CTA
- (ii) Mr. Karma Chungdak, Director, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS)
- (iii) Mr. Tenzing Sangpo, Education Director, Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) and a TSP alumnus,
- (iv) Mr. Duggyal Tsering, Principal, Tibetan Homes Foundation (THF) and a TSP alumnus.

This committee has been especially set up for the selection process of the TSP 2013 batch alone.

Two-year Degree Program

- a) A minimum number of 8 slots will be available for two-year degree programs in USA. There may not be any non-degree slots for TSP 2013.
- b) Applicants for the two-year Master's Program in the United States must have secured grades of a minimum of 45 percent in bachelor degree program.
- c) 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.
- d) To demonstrate English language proficiency skills, applicants must produce a copy of their TOEFL iBT score with a minimum of 90 out of 120.
- e) Applicants should be born on or after January 1st, 1977.
- f) Selected participants will be required to take the GRE or GMAT exam.

PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS & CRITERIA FOR AWARDED 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) **Academic Certificates:** Applicants must produce year-wise school/college/university mark sheets and Degree certificates.
- 5) **Attestation:** All the documents submitted for the TSP must be attested by a CTA gazette officer (above the rank of Joint Secretary) or notarized by a Notary Officer/concerned Settlement Officer.
- 6) **Application Process fee:** Each Application form must be accompanied by bank draft of INR 250/NPR 400 for postage & processing fee drawn in favour of Tibetan Children's Educational & Welfare Fund (TCEWF), Dharamsala, India and Snow Lion Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal respectively.
- 7) **Medical Certificate:** A Fitness Certificate from a registered medical doctor should be submitted.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **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 candidate 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.
- 10) **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 or institute.
- 11) **Photo:** Applicants must submit three (3) passport-sized photos.
- 12) **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 | 22. Renewal Energy Technologies |
| 5. Counseling | (Archives) | 23. Rural Development |
| 6. Development Planning | 15. Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; | 24. Security and Intelligence Study |
| 7. Education | Biology | 25. Sinology and Chinese Studies |
| 8. Environmental Studies | 16. Management & Development | 26. Waste Management and Recycling |
| 9. Food Protection | 17. Mass Communication / Journalism | Technology |
| 10. Human Resource Development | 18. Social Work | |

- 13) **Application Deadline:** Interested applicants are responsible for submitting all application forms and other relevant documents to their respective jurisdiction on or **before March 31, 2012 at 5.00 pm.** No late or incomplete applications will be entertained after the deadline has passed.
- 14) **General Written Test on Tibetan Culture and History (GWTT):** The applicants will have the option to take a test either in Tibetan or in English. The total test score will be 50 marks and those who take the test in Tibetan will be given 4 additional marks on the total they scored in the test. The question setting and evaluation for GWTT will be done by a single examiner. The applicants must secure a minimum of 17 marks out of 50 in GWTT.
- 15) **Selection Criteria for Interview:** Applicants will be selected for final interview if he or she secures the minimum aggregate of 50 percent (i.e. 25 out of 50) in TOEFL iBT, GWTT and Academic Performance in Class XII and Bachelor Degree program.

16) Point System for Degree Program:

a) TOEFL iBT with maximum allotted points of 20.

| TOEFL iBT scores | Allotted points |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 90-91 | 7 |
| 92-93 | 8 |
| 94-95 | 9 |
| 96-97 | 10 |
| 98-99 | 11 |
| 100-101 | 12 |
| 102-103 | 13 |

| TOEFL iBT scores | Allotted points |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 104-105 | 14 |
| 106-107 | 15 |
| 108-109 | 16 |
| 110-112 | 17 |
| 113-115 | 18 |
| 116-118 | 19 |
| 119-120 | 20 |

b) GWTT with maximum allotted points of 20.

| GWTT marks | Allotted points |
|------------|-----------------|
| 17-18 | 7 |
| 19-20 | 8 |
| 21-22 | 9 |
| 23-24 | 10 |
| 25-26 | 11 |
| 27-28 | 12 |
| 29-30 | 13 |

| GWTT marks | Allotted points |
|------------|-----------------|
| 31-33 | 14 |
| 34-36 | 15 |
| 37-39 | 16 |
| 40-42 | 17 |
| 43-45 | 18 |
| 46-48 | 19 |
| 49-50 | 20 |

c) Academic Performance with maximum allotted points of 10.

| Academic Performance in Class XII (percentage scored) | Allotted points |
|---|-----------------|
| 55 - 59 | 1 |
| 60 - 65 | 2 |
| 66 - 70 | 3 |
| 71 - 75 | 4 |
| 76 - 100 | 5 |

| Academic Performance in Bachelor Degree Program (percentage scored) | Allotted points |
|---|-----------------|
| 50 - 55 | 1 |
| 56 - 60 | 2 |
| 61 - 65 | 3 |
| 66 - 70 | 4 |
| 71 - 100 | 5 |

17) 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 or Kalsang Rinchen at DoE Scholarship Section at scholarship@tibet.net.

Applicants from India and Bhutan, please send your application materials to the following address:

Attn: Ms. Chime Tseyang
 Joint Secretary
 Scholarship Section
 Department of Education
 Central Tibetan Administration
 Gangchen Kyishong, Dist Kangra
 Dharamsala - 176 215
 (H.P.) INDIA
 Tel: +91-1892-226695/22721/222572
 Fax: +91-1892-223481
 E-mail: scholarship@tibet.net
 Website: www.sherig.org

Applicants from Nepal, please send your application materials to the following address:

Attn: Mr. Tsering Topgyal
 Vice Chairman
 TSP – Student Selection Committee Nepal
 Snow Lion Foundation
 PO Box no. 1313
 Kathmandu
 NEPAL
 Tel: +977-1-5000036/5000002
 Fax: 00977-1-5000048
tpsscnepal@ymail.com



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**Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP)
Preliminary Selection Application Form**

1. Applicant's Full Name (As it appears in your Travel Document and Academic Credentials):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ City and Country of Birth: _____

3. RC Number Date of Issue Place of Issue Valid Until

4. Green Book Number Date of Issue Place of Issue Valid Until

5. Current Address: _____ Permanent Address: _____

6. E-mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

7. Have you ever applied for a U.S. visa in the past: Yes No

8. If yes, please fill in the details:

| Date | Category | Visa Granted / Denied |
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9. Are you married: Yes: _____ No: _____ (If married fill out following information, if not fill in B & C)

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|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |
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14. Work Experience:

| Employer Name and Address | Position | Dates (From - To) |
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15. Special Achievements:

- _____
- _____
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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)

(Full Name)