

ANNUAL REPORT – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR
“LAHU STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM”
By THAILAND LAHU DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (TLDF)

Background Information

TLDF has started its “Lahu Students Scholarship Program (LSSP)” in 2013 School Year from 5 provinces of Thailand have had received scholarship grants which considered as constructive investment for those disadvantaged students for their brighter futures.

In 2024 school year, SLSF and CYF has supported 227 students who are studying in three different education levels (Middle/high, Vocational college and University), by dividing 2 semesters, one semester at a time. TLDF Board of Trustees developed and circulated application form at the beginning of each new school year. The program has developed a precise set of questionnaires and criteria for screening and scoring of individual applicants. After completion of thorough screening and scoring of all individual applications, a shortlist of scoring results is developed and finalized by TLDF staff persons before submitting it to the Board meeting for final selection for granting.

TLDF has classified 3 different target groups of scholarship recipients – Group 1. Buddhist and/or other religion believers., Group 2. Christian Lahu affiliated to various Christian denominations and Group 3. Christian Lahu affiliated to Thailand Lahu Baptist Convention (TLBC). Based on total applications being received from each of the recipient groups, a quota for each group of Lahu students for 2023 School Year was set in percentage and selected as showing in the following table.

Table 1: Total applications been received and a list of granted fund to each of studying levels. (2024)

SUMMARY OF SCREENING AND GRANTING RESULT									
No.	Level of Study	Total		Buddhist or other Religions		Other Christian Groups		TLBC Member-Churches	
		Applicants	Granted	Applicants	Granted	Applicants	Granted	Applicants	Granted
1	High school	12	5	0	0	1	1	11	4
2	Vocational	130	107	4	4	44	36	82	67
3	University	178	115	23	19	81	46	74	50
TOTAL		320	227	27	23	126	83	167	121
Percentage				10%		37%		53%	

Note: In 2024 School Year ,

- 24 Students studied in Government School/College/University.
- 21 Students studied in Privates School/College/University.
- Male 86 and Female 141.
- Students from 118 villages in 5 Provinces of Thailand. (Chiang mai, Chiang rai, Lamphun, Mae Hong Son, and Lampang (Northeast) Provinces.

Table 2: According to our database, a remarkable numbers of scholarship students in the program are orphan students as showing in the following table. We are pleased for the satisfactory number of disadvantage students who are qualified to be part of this innovative program.

SUMMARY of Orphan students				
No.	Level of Study	Orphan students		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Middle/High	0	1	1
2	Vocational	13	10	23
3	University	4	9	13
TOTAL		17	20	37
Percentage		16.29% of 227 students in 2024		

Table 3. The Process (Continued used procedure been established and practiced since 2013)

1. Circulation of application forms to various target groups and launched public relation/ announcements through various media sources (TLDF Facebook page, Application Line, Messenger and at training, workshops and meetings of various gatherings and individual telephone calls to 2024 scholarship students and key community leaders (During February – End of April, 2024)



2. Assigned TLDF staff to finalized shortlist of all applicants and categorized by each of education levels and target groups by giving individual serial numbers or code (April - May 2024)



3. Interview by Phone and Final selection and voting by TLDF Board of Trustees (May 13-31, 2024)



4. Transfer grants direct to students bank account (1st semester on Aug. 26, 2024).



5. Transfer grants direct to students bank account (2nd semester on Dec.17, 2024).



6. Project monitoring visits (Focus group in Institutes) in Jan. – Dec. 2024.

Note:

1. Scholarship students stated in this table who are studying in Primary to High School students are been received scholarship grants since in the first year (2013) of the program and are continue to be receiving their grants till finishing Bachelor's Degree if they are continually qualified LSSP's criteria of selection.

2. TLDF Board of Trustee members have conducted a thorough interview section with all selected **new candidates from 2 highest levels** (vocational college and university) who have been selected by the Board before scholarship is granted.

Monitoring and Review Visits

TLDF Board of Trustees members and its staff persons conducted occasional visits to the communities where scholarship students are live. The key issues that we focused on our field visits are checking the personal information regarding to the questionnaires that we have listed in the selection process and recorded in database. Baseline information regarded to parents and community leaders are use as references at the meetings of Board of Trustees for screening, scoring and selection of students for the next school year.

Graduate students

According to the program monitoring reports, total 34 graduated in 2023 school years (7 vocational students and 27 university students) got the careers that they have applied. The careers that they were employed are accounting, visa for tourism, sales and marketing, mechanists, tourism, Online sale (Fruit and Clothes..) pastor and teachers at government schools.

Students Expected to be graduated in 2024 school year

There are expected 5 High school students, 26 Vocational students and 33 university students will be graduated in 2025 school year which will be announced by each institution after school year is ended (mostly in March and May). However, 31 students from High school and Vocational level who will continue to be studying in Vocational or University level in 2025 school year. And also will Most of scholarship students are prepared to apply job both government and non-governmental jobs as well as for private commercial firms. TLDF is expected to continue receiving scholarship grants from Sievert Larsson Scholarship Foundation for its 12th year program (starting January 2025). We would like to express our appreciation to SLSF's great support to our young generation's future endeavor to become good citizens and productive professionals of Thailand.

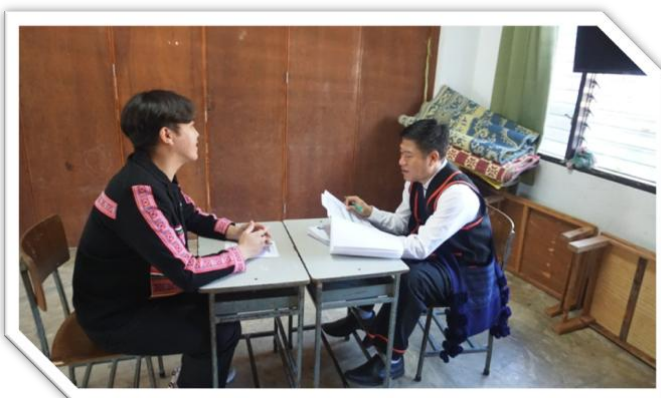


Mr. Thiraphap Yuenyongtham
TLDF Managing Director

Date: January 10, 2025

Appendixes (Students Pictures)

1. Interview by TLDF Board of Trustees



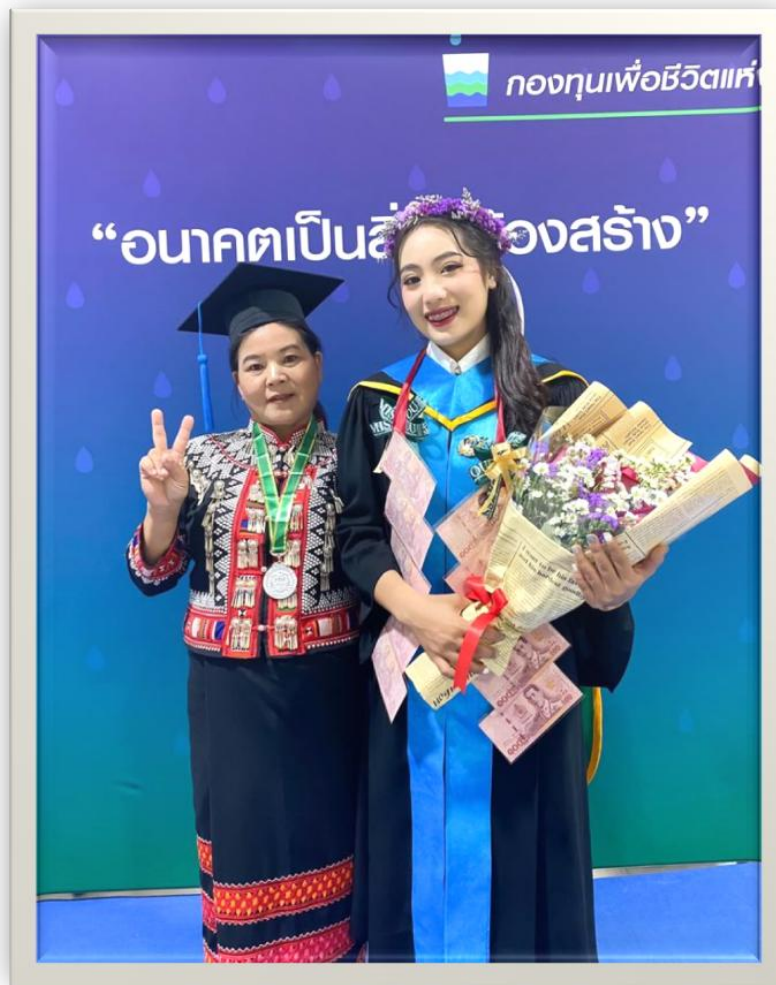


Interview by TLDF Board of Trustees (July 13, 2024 at Chiangmai Lahu Baptist Church)

Follow up / Visited 2024



*Students of Chiang Rai Rajabhat University
on December 24, 2024.*



Miss Ketsaraporn Lisuk

Graduated bachelor's degree with a Modern Trade Business Management at Panyapiwat Institute of Management on February 18, 2024.