



Q. What does the TSYLF (Timothy S Y Lam Foundation) scholarship cover?

A. TSYLF pays exam fees up to \$600. Scholarships are for first-time testing only. TSYLF does not pay retesting; or recertification fees.

Q. How is the exam fee paid?

A. Once you receive approval of your HSMAI certification application or registration from HSMAI you can apply for the TSYLF scholarship. Once you receive notification from TSYLF that you have been approved for the scholarship, you can notify HSMAI that TSYLF will pay for your **certification**.

On the TSYLF certification application, upload a statement of charges from HSMAI that will be paid directly to HSMAI by the TSYLF via a mailed check.

Reimbursements will be determined on a case-by-case need & you will need to submit your HSMAI approval notice, the statement of fees, receipt of payment for the specific exam taken, your passing certification test results & all other required TSYLF scholarship application requirements & supporting documents.

Q. How are the scholarship awards determined?

A. Blind reviews are used to determine scholarships. Your name is removed from your application, assigned a number, and graded by **five** board members of TSYLF. Each board member uses a 30-point rubric to grade your resume (4 points), letter of recommendation (4 points), essay (20 points), and application completeness (2 points) for a total score of 90 points. Those with the highest scores will receive scholarship awards. **HSMAI takes no part in the scholarship application process.**

Q. Do I have to pay back the scholarship money if I fail the exam?

A. No, we do not want to add to the pressure of taking an exam. If you fail, however, you cannot apply for a second TSYLF certification scholarship. This scholarship is only available for first-time HSMAI testers.

Q. Do I get more time to sign up for testing if I apply for the scholarship?

A. No, once your application is approved by the HSMAI you have one year to sit for and pass the exam before having to re-apply.

Q. What happens if my scholarship application is denied?

A. You will be responsible for the testing fees, or any other fees associated with applying for the certification with HSMAI. We get hundreds of scholarship applications throughout the year

and unfortunately, we cannot say yes to every candidate. However, if your scholarship application is denied you are welcome to apply again, the following quarter or acceptance period, keeping in mind you must still utilize your one-year testing eligibility from HSMAl.

Q. Who do I contact if I have other questions? If you have any other questions, please email TSYLF at info@timothysylam.org or call 702.900.7584 and leave a message.

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