

AJ Wang Foundation - Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 3081, Cerritos, CA 90703

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Superintendent Orange Unified School District 1401 N. Handy Street Orange, CA 92867

Dear Superintendent,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your current high school senior students to apply for the AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund. This is the 6th year that the Scholarship Fund has provided the opportunity for students who can demonstrate the desire to fulfill their dreams to obtain academic and career goals by attending a two-year community college at the selected campuses. So far, the Scholarship Fund has granted funds to close to 200 students over the last five years, totaling \$430,000. The following are the colleges that the Scholarship Fund is currently supporting: all nine campuses of the LA Community College District, Cerritos College, Compton College, Santa Monica College, Pasadena City College, Moorpark College, Oxnard College, Ventura College, Coastline Community College, and Glendale College (new, this year); in the Los Angeles, Ventura, and Orange Counties.

The Scholarship Fund is awarded to high school senior students with the greatest financial need and satisfactory academic standing (2.5 GPA and completion of a high school diploma). It is targeting students from non-traditional home settings, those who have overcome obstacles to be graduated from high schools, and first generation college attendees. The Scholarship Fund intends to fund 40-50 community college students each year. The attached application form and information describe the eligibility to be met. The award is aimed at providing these future community college students with multi-year (up to three years) funding provided that the student demonstrates full-time attendance and satisfactory academic standing (12 units and minimum 2.75 GPA) and progress to obtain a degree, a certification, or transfer to a four-year school. The award will be sent directly to the respective college's Financial Aid/Scholarship/Foundation Office in each recipient's name for processing and disbursement.

We are asking for your assistance to inform the high schools and the appropriate staff in your district regarding this opportunity. We thank you very much for your support! Please feel free to contact me at 626-277-7128 or via email schou88888@gmail.com. More information can be found on our website, www.ajwangfoundation.com.

Sincerely,

Chiung-Sally Chou, Ph. D.

Executive Director, AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund

Attachments



APPLICATION FORM Application Period: April 15 – June 1 Annually

Please Print	TODAY'S DATE:						
LAST NAME	IRST NAME						
HOME ADDRESS							
HOME or CELL PHONE	US CITIZEN	YES	NO				
	US LEGAL RESIDENT	YES	NO				
BIRTHDATE	ELIGIBLE FOR DREAM ACT	YES	NO				
	GENDER	М	F				
PROPOSED COLLEGE OF ATTENDANCE							
Cerritos College	Los Angeles Southwest Col						
Coastline Community College		Los Angeles Trade-Tech College					
Compton Community College		es Valley College			Los Angeles Valley College		
East Los Angeles College	Moorpark College)				
Glendale College	Oxnard College	Oxnard College					
Los Angeles City College	Pasadena City College	Pasadena City College					
Los Angeles Harbor College	Santa Monica College	Santa Monica College					
Los Angeles Mission College	Ventura College	Ventura College					

PARENT'S NAME (Mother/Father or both or Guardian)

Los Angeles Pierce College

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (I certify that all the information provided on this form is accurate.)

West Los Angeles College



AJ WANG FOUNDATION - SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Application Period: April 15 - June 1 annually

AJ Wang Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in November, 2008 to provide funding to various educational institutions to support students. The Foundation is led by a couple who immigrated to the U. S. to pursue the "American Dream." It is through hard work and their will to overcome financial obstacles that they have become successful entrepreneurs. As their life-long goal to "give back" to the communities that supported them to realize their dreams, they established the Foundation to support those with the greatest need. The Foundation is currently supported and staffed by volunteers.

The Scholarship Fund, a component of the AJ Wang Foundation, was established in 2013. The Scholarship Fund also receives donations from others wishing to participate in "giving back" in the same manner as the founders of the organization. Within these last five years, the Scholarship Fund has granted over 100 community college students scholarships totaling \$430,000. Over 65% of these students have transferred to 4-year colleges or universities or secured employment.

The Scholarship Fund is targeting students attending identified community colleges in the Southern California area, starting with Los Angeles County. The awarded community colleges now have expanded to Ventura and northern Orange Counties. The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for up to three consecutive years for students attending one or more of the designated community colleges. The scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation and/or food.

Depending on student's progress towards completion of degree, program, or certification as well as obtaining satisfactory academic standing, a student may receive a second or third year funding. Funds are disbursed on a semester to semester basis in order to monitor continuous attendance and satisfactory academic progress. Students must provide proof which includes transcripts from the previous semester and full-time registration for the subsequent semester. Recipients of the scholarships provide testimonies, as requested, on how the money is spent to support them to realize their dreams.

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund provides annual financial support targeting between 40 and 50 students attending the following community colleges:

- all nine (9) campuses of the Los Angeles Community College District: East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles Trade Tech College, Los Angeles Valley College and West Los Angeles College
- Cerritos College
- Coastline Community College
- Compton Community College
- Glendale College
- Moorpark College

- Oxnard College
- Pasadena City College
- Santa Monica College
- Ventura College

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund Applicant must:

- Be a resident or citizen of the United States of America and its territories or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) and/or Dream Act eligible
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school with the goal to attend a community college and earn a degree or certification, and/or meet transfer requirement
- Commit to enroll as a **full time** (minimum of 12 units) student, without interruption, for the entire academic school year at one of the above mentioned community colleges

Submit all of the following:

- 1. the official application form click here to download the application
- 2. a letter of application indicating the college of his/her choice, student background, academic achievement, intended educational and career goal(s), and financial need
- 3. a resume
- 4. the **latest transcript** including grades from grades 9-11 and the first semester of high school senior year with the **final transcript** submitted along with college fall registration as full time student no later than **August 15** of the year of application
- Provide most recent college transcript and subsequent semester full-time student registration annually by January 15 for semester I and August 15 for semester 2 for continuous attendance which demonstrates progress towards meeting educational goal(s). Recipients must maintain at least a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale each semester and register for at least 12 units in order to receive continuous financial support.

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- Each recipient will receive two thousand dollars (\$2,000) a year for up to three years with \$1,000 granted for each semester.
- Checks will **NOT** be sent to individual students; they will be mailed to the respective **Scholarship/Finance Aid Office** of the college the recipient is attending for disbursement according to the college's guidelines.
- **Priority consideration** will be given to first generation college-bound students; and students living in non-traditional homes.
- Preferences will be given to students who plan to pursue non-traditional careers.
- Recipients are selected by a committee established by the AJ Wang Foundation; there will be no grace period for acceptance and no appeals for students who are not granted the award.
- Application materials must be received via email no later than mid-night on June 1.
- Notification of awards will be provided by late July via US mail (one-time) as well as email.
- All recipients will be known as the AJ Wang Foundation Scholars.

Please EMAIL all materials

(e.g. application form, letter of application, resume, and transcript) to:

Dr. Chiung-Sally Chou, Executive Director at schou88888@gmail.com

For more information, please see www.ajwangfoundation.org.

All other correspondence will be by email.