

WYCA (Eastern U.S.), Inc. Scholarship

Description of Scholarship

The scholarship is for deserving students from Wah Yan (Hong Kong and Kowloon) who will pursue university study in the United States, preferably in the Eastern U.S. Two (2) scholarships of US\$2,000 will be awarded each year. All scholarships are awarded competitively and are renewable for up to a total of four (4) years of study toward an academic degree. Selection is made by a committee appointed by the WYCA Scholarship Foundation. In selecting students for the scholarship program, consideration will be given to graduating and graduated students from Wah Yan. The criteria for selection include:

- secondary school academic record,
- school recommendation,
- scores of the SAT I,
- school and community activities,
- evidence of leadership,
- financial need.

Each scholarship in the amount of US\$2,000 per year is paid directly to the university to defray expenses normally charged against the student's account, such as tuition, lodging and board. In the case of commuting students, if the charges by the college to the student's account are less than US\$2,000, the remainder may be paid to the student to assist in defraying commuting expenses.

Recipients must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Scholarships will normally continue for up to four consecutive years, based upon recipient's academic performance, financial requirements and the availability of funds from the scholarship foundation. If baccalaureate requirements are completed in less than four years, or if the student enters graduate school before receipt of the baccalaureate degree, the remaining term of the original four-year scholarship may be applied against comparable expenses of a graduate degree-granting program. Similarly, a scholarship recipient who has originally undertaken a two-year program leading to an associate's degree may request that the scholarship be continued for an additional two years for attainment of a baccalaureate degree.

Qualifications

To qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be either/or:

- A Wah Yan (Hong Kong and Kowloon) student who will be graduated during the current academic year and who will enter university in the following academic year.
- A former student of Wah Yan (Hong Kong and Kowloon) who is attending university in the United States pursuing an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree.

Application Requirements

- Completion of the official application.
- Submission of an official Wah Yan transcript (or university transcript).
- Submission of SAT I scores (optional for applicants who are already university students)
- Personal statement, approximately 500 words in length.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a Wah Yan administrator (i.e. teacher, guidance counselor, principal etc.). The second recommendation may be from a community leader or employer who can attest to the applicant's character, leadership ability, commitment to community service, and/or academic achievement.
- Financial data from a legal guardian of the applicant.

The Application Process

To ensure the application is completed correctly:

- Read the application carefully and complete all sections.
- Allow time to compile all required documents: transcript, recommendation letters, copy of SAT I scores.

Completed and signed application form and other required documents must be sent, by July 31st, to:

WYCA Scholarship Foundation

wyca.scholarship@gmail.com

All application materials must be sent in one packet, in the form of one complete PDF file. Do not send multiple files. Incomplete application will delay consideration.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Application for a WYCA Scholarship does not constitute application for college admission. It is the applicant's responsibility to apply for and gain admission to the college of choice. A scholarship award assures financial aid only after admission to college has been granted.

If the applicant decides to withdraw from consideration of the scholarship, the WYCA Scholarship Foundation must be so notified in writing at the soonest possible time.

The Awards

The winners of the WYCA Scholarships will be selected by a committee appointed by the WYCA Scholarship Foundation. Announcement of the scholarship awards will be made by early September.

Each scholarship award will become effective in the fall following the announcement of the award, when the winner is matriculated in college. The scholarship will be retained by the winner while working toward an associate, baccalaureate, professional or graduate degree if satisfactory progress according to the college's standards continues to be exhibited.

If a recipient's studies are interrupted by illness, accident or some other extenuating circumstances, a request may be made to have the WYCA Scholarship held in suspension for an appropriate period. Any such interruption must be reported promptly to the WYCA Scholarship Foundation for action.