

Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship

The Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Katharine and Dr. Liang-Lin Hsiao to support graduate students of Asian descent who are facing financial need. Dr. Katharine and Dr. Liang-Lin Hsiao, both former professors of economics at Indiana State University, dedicated most of their professional lives to academia.

As young graduate students from China, they struggled to obtain their education amid financial uncertainty. Despite these obstacles, they earned their PhDs from Columbia University and New York University, respectively. They devoted their entire careers to the academic field and committed to giving back to those in need, including lecturing in China upon their retirements to educate the post-Mao era of economists now leading the country.

Award Information

One recipient will be selected and awarded a one-time \$1,000 scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

- Grade level: Graduate student attending a US-based college or university in the 2024-25 academic year
- Residency: US citizen, resident, or foreign national
- Pursuing a graduate degree in the social sciences, economics preferred but not required
- Research/study topics: preference given to topics that benefit those in social/economic need, especially Asian and Asian American communities
- Ethnic heritage: preference for Asian heritage, though not required
- Minimum GPA: 3.0

Selection Criteria

- Preference is given to those whose journeys parallel Dr. Katharine and Dr. Liang-Lin Hsiao's professional journeys.
- Academic excellence
- Strength of professional recommendations
- Financial need

Scholarship Application

The online application can be found at: tfaforms.com/5107064. The deadline to submit is **Friday, April 26, 2024, by 11:59PM**.

Three to five finalists will be selected. Finalists must submit official transcript(s) and documentation verifying financial information, such as the FAFSA submission summary (formerly the Student Aid Report).

Preparing Your Application

Your application is comprised of the following materials below. To be considered for review, all materials must be submitted by the deadline.

- [Online application form](#)
- Essays
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Financial data, as reported on your FAFSA or other financial documents
Estimates will be accepted, but data from your Submission Summary (formerly Student Aid Report) will be required if selected to be a finalist.
- Most recent transcripts, including grading scale
Unofficial transcripts will be accepted but official transcripts will be required if selected to be a finalist.
- Two letters of recommendations, at least one of which is from a current professor
Letters should be on official school or organization letterhead. Please include the student's first and last name.

Essays

1. Tell us about yourself, including your academic and career goals, hopes and dreams for the future and the role/influence of your Asian heritage.
Recommended length: 250-500 words
2. Please describe how your undergraduate work and experiences shaped your choice of graduate studies. Please tell us the reasons you chose your particular graduate school.
Recommended length: 150-200 words
3. What is your area of specialization, theoretical focus, or research? What interests you about this area or specialization? How did you develop this interest? Please describe any research you have conducted.
Recommended length: 250-500 words
4. Preference will be given to candidates planning to pursue a career in academia. Please describe your teaching experience to date. Please describe what you consider to be an ideal situation for you in academia after you complete your graduate studies.
Recommended length: 150-200 words
5. Optional: Is there anything else you would like us to know, including any unusual family or personal circumstances that have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school activities?
Recommended length: 150-200 words

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For questions, please contact us at scholarships@asianpacificfund.org

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