



AJ Wang Foundation - Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 3081, Cerritos, CA 90703

Application period: April 15 – June 1 annually

The 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. Since 2008, the AJ Wang Foundation has donated several millions of dollars to various institutions in Taiwan and the United States to support students.

School year 2018-19 commences another charitable activity for the AJ Wang Foundation. In order to continue to encourage local high school graduates and community college students to pursue post-secondary options, the Foundation has partnered with the **University of the West** located in the city of Rosemead, California. University of the West was founded 26 years ago by the Venerable Master Hsing Yun with the vision of providing a campus where students from the East and West could come together to study their chosen academic disciplines in an environment enriched by Buddhist wisdom and values. Today, the University is a private, nonprofit, non-sectarian, and co-educational institution, and continues to follow the same concepts of character, compassion and community. University of the West is a WASC accredited institution. It offers undergraduate degrees in Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Psychology along with several masters and doctorate degree programs.

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund is targeting graduating high school seniors and college transfer students who wish to attend University of the West and who are US citizens, permanent residents, or students eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)/Dream Act. The Scholarship Fund provides four (4) scholarships for up to four consecutive academic years for graduating high school senior students and four

(4) scholarships for up to two consecutive academic years for college transfer students attending the University with full-time (minimum 12 units/semester) status and maintaining good standing (3.0 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale) in the academics.

The scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation and/or food. The award is disbursed each semester based on meeting the minimum eligibility. Depending on a student's progress towards completion of degree, or program, as well as obtaining satisfactory academic standing, a student shall be awarded the scholarship through the 4 or 2 years of attendance at the University of the West. Funds are forwarded directly to the University on a semester to semester basis in order to monitor continuous attendance and satisfactory academic progress. Students must provide proof each semester which includes transcripts from the previous semester and full-time registration for the subsequent semester prior to receiving continuous award.

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund Applicant must:

- Be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States of America and its territories or DACA/Dream Act eligible
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of **2.5 or higher** or a cumulative college GPA of **3.0 or higher** on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school or a transfer student from another college entering University of the West as a junior student.
- Commit to attend University of the West and earn a undergraduate degree
- Commit to enroll as a **full time** (minimum of 12 units/semester) student, without interruption, for the entire academic year
- Submit
 1. the **official application form**
 2. a **letter of application** indicating the program of study, student background, academic achievement, intended educational and career goal(s), and financial need
 3. a **resume**
 4. the **latest high school transcript** including grades from 9th grade through at least the first semester of high school senior year with the **final grades or transcript(s) from previous college(s)** for transfer students submitted along with full time fall registration no later than **August 15** after the award is granted
- After enrollment at the University, provide the **most recent college transcript** annually by **January 15 for semester 1** and **August 15 for semester 2** while attending the University, and for continuous attendance and award by submitting **subsequent semester full time registration** that demonstrates progress towards meeting educational goal(s) and obtaining at least a **3.0 term GPA** on a 4.0 scale.
- Students who fail to meet their educational goal(s) and/or the minimum GPA requirement will become ineligible for the scholarship in the subsequent semester. They may regain eligibility after meeting those requirements. However, the unclaimed award will become null and void.

- Students who receive an “incomplete” grade in the course are not eligible to receive the scholarship until the “incomplete” is resolved. Students who drop a course during the course of the semester and not meeting full-time enrollment requirements, will become ineligible for the subsequent semester.

Award

The four (4) selected high school senior students will be awarded two thousand dollars (**\$2,000**) a year for four years with \$1,000 disbursed for each fall and spring semester; the four (4) selected transfer students will be awarded four thousand dollars (**\$4,000**) a year for two years with \$2,000 disbursed for each fall and spring semester.

- Checks will be mailed to the University’s **Scholarship/Financial Aid Office** for disbursement according to the University’s guidelines.
- **Priority consideration** will be given to first generation college-bound students and students transferring from a community college.
- Students **must** demonstrate and articulate financial need in their **letters of application**.
- Recipients are selected by a committee established by the AJ Wang Foundation; there will be no appeals for students who are not granted the award.
- Application materials must be received via email postmarked no later than **June 1**.
- Notification of awards will be provided by late June via US mail as well as emails; all subsequent communication will be made via email only.
- 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 info@ajwangfoundation.org. For more information, please see www.ajwangfoundation.org.

All other correspondence will be by email.