



Wichita Asian Association Student Scholarship

The Wichita Asian Association (WAA) Student Scholarship is geared towards high school students in their junior year in Wichita and the surrounding areas. This year's criteria steers away from the traditional "model minority", but rather views the candidate as a whole - for their role in reforming Asian American ideals in modern society. This scholarship will occur in three segments; a personal statement, an individual interview, and a project presentation. At the end of each part, materials will be reviewed by a committee and judges to determine which individuals are selected to move on. The three final selected individuals will be awarded and recognized at Wichita Asian Festival in the fall of their senior year. For any additional questions, please reach out to the scholarship chairs: Truc Dao and Dina Tuong at WAA.Scholar@gmail.com. Submissions are due by June 5th at 11:59 PM

Scholarship Amount: 1st place: \$5000, 2nd place: \$3000, 3rd place: \$2000.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a current Junior in High School (2022-2023 academic year - Homeschool students are Also Eligible)
- Have an average academic GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- Be at least ¼ Asian.
- Reside in Wichita or within a 50-mile radius of Wichita.
- Complete and submit the application along with all required supporting documents by the application deadline.
- Submit a recent photo.
- Be AVAILABLE to attend the dates stated in the timeline.

Timeline:

- **April 3rd:** Application opens.
- **June 5th:** Submissions are due at 11:59 PM.
- **June 11th - 17th:** Applicants are notified by phone call and email if they have made it to the next step for an interview.
- **June 25th - 30th:** Personal interviews with a panel of judges.
 - Interviewed applicants will be notified if they have made it to the final round of project presentations the night of their interview.
- **July 9th - 14th:** Final presentation with a panel of judges.
- **September:** Winners will be notified.
- **October 28th:** Winners will be recognized at the 42nd Annual Wichita Asian Festival.
- **December:** Winners will be recognized at the Wichita Asian Association Honors Night.

Wichita Asian Association Scholarship Application 2023

Submission deadline: June 5th, 2023 at 11:59 PM

Please submit to: WAA.Scholar@gmail.com

Personal Information

Last Name: MI: First Name:

Pronoun(s):

Birth Date:

Asian Heritage:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

School Information

Name of High School:

Expected Graduation Date:

Submit the following information along with the application

(All items should be submitted by the deadline)

High School Transcript (May Be Sent From a Counselor)

Two recommendation letters (Sent to WAA.Scholar@gmail.com by the recommender - please have the recommender note their relationship to you.)

Recent Photo

Resume

Personal Statement and Short Essay Question

Finalization Signature

Resume - The resume for submission should include current education, extracurricular activities, community involvement, work experience, and any awards & honors received.

Personal Statement - In 500 words or less explain the following:

- Tell us more about yourself - *Tell us your story, what made you who you are today. Things you might like to do (Be creative, we want to know more about you as a person, and not necessarily what makes you a model minority).*

Short Essay Question - Choose **one** out of the two. In 500 words or less:

- Help us grasp how you would possibly utilize specific resources, opportunities, and communities. We're captivated in learning more about what these specifics are, along with how they may enhance you personally and the Asian Community here in Wichita.
- How does colorism define worth within minority groups, particularly the Asian Community?

Finalization Signatures

I, _____ (print name), am currently a high school junior.

Signature:

I, _____ (print name), wrote and produced the application by myself, and filled it out to the best of my ability.

Signature:

I, _____ (print name), allow Wichita Asian Association to release my name, headshot, and any necessary photos taken during the scholarship process to social media outlets.

Signature,