

HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2024/2025

Scholarship Background

In 2001, The Hong Kong Association of Northern California (HKANC) initiated a Scholarship fund designed to provide scholarships to undergraduate and graduate university students of high academic distinction. This is based on the belief that investing in today's youth will help to ensure that students strive to achieve their goals and to develop into leaders of tomorrow. As of to date, more than \$435,000 in scholarship funds have been donated to the community colleges and universities in Northern California for deserving students of outstanding community involvement and academic achievement with financial needs.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1. U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, **OR** International Student,
2. **MUST** be currently enrolled in an **Undergraduate (Full-time: 12 units) OR Graduate (Half-time: 6 units)** program in a **2- OR 4-year** college or university located in Northern California,
3. Any majors with a GPA of 3.5 or above,
4. Volunteered at least one major fundraising event and general event **OR** participated in other available volunteer projects **AND** joined HKANC free student membership (preferred),
5. Demonstrated fluency in Chinese **AND** English. (verbal required, verbal & written preferred)
6. Must provide completed scholarship application form and required documents.

Award Information

- **Award Department:** Any
- **Application Begins:** Monday, May 6, 2024
- **Deadline:** Friday, August 16, 2024
- **Award Announcement:** Friday, August 30, 2024
- **Number of Scholarship Awards:** 5 | **Scholarship Award:** \$3000 each
- **Please note:** Returning applicants are only allowed to receive a maximum of **THREE (3) awards**.
Scholarship recipients are required to provide the receipts of tuition fees or related educational expenses within **60 days** of receiving the scholarship award.

Contact Information

- **Contact Person:** Ms. Yani Lee, Executive Director, HKANC Scholarship Foundation
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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Citizenship: _____

School Information

School Name: _____ ID number: _____ GPA: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Current Class Level: _____ Enrollment Status: _____

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

1. **Attach a short essay: In 750 words or less, please tell us about the following items:**

a. Describe how you will utilize this scholarship fund.

b. How would you add value to HKANC members and the business community?

c. What will be your role? How can you contribute to your idea(s)?

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2. **Attach a copy of your resume.** Please include any academic awards/distinctions as well as relevant work experience and/or volunteer experience, and community work that support the items you discussed in your essay.

3. **Attach a copy of your student ID, latest transcripts and class schedule.** Depending on your grade level, these can be from community college, 4-year college/university, or graduate school.

4. **Please rate on a scale of 1 - 4 of your level of proficiency in Chinese:**
 - 1) I can only understand (listen) in Chinese;
 - 2) I can understand (listen) and speak in Chinese;
 - 3) I can understand (listen), speak, and read in Chinese;
 - 4) I can understand (listen), speak, read, and write in Chinese.

5. **(OPTIONAL)** If HKANC offers a mentorship program, would you be interested in participating? (Y/N)

6. **(OPTIONAL)** Attach a **Personal Statement** addressing your financial needs, academic achievements, and any special circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to consider. Accepting text or video format.

7. **(OPTIONAL)** Attach **Professional References**, including their name, job title, organization name, relationship, and contact information

CERTIFICATION: *By submitting this application and signing below, I acknowledge that I have attached all required documents; incomplete applications will not be reviewed. 1. I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify me from the scholarship. 2. I understand it is required to volunteer at least ONE (1) major HKANC fundraising event or other related program and take the opportunity to meet with donors, corporate sponsors, and local business leaders. 3. If awarded a scholarship, I will provide the receipts of tuition fees or related educational expenses within 60 days of receiving the scholarship award, and submit a "thank you" note for the donor(s) to the HKANC Scholarship Foundation Committee as required or the award will be forfeited. 4. I understand all scholarship decisions are final and made at the discretion of the committee.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____