

Wang Ji Thong Family Scholarship For Health Professions 2021



Now Accepting Applications



ABOUT

In partnership with Dr. Jason Wang, Mr. Zack Ji, and Dr. Aileen Thong, ASIA Inc seeks to support aspiring future health professionals. Open to not only Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, but to the many refugee and immigrant communities that ASIA serves in Northeast Ohio, we are proud to offer high school seniors and college students a monetary award along with mentorship and shadowing opportunities at our International Community Health Centers.

2021 Award Year Now Open

DEADLINE MAY 31, 2021

For questions on eligibility and requirements, please contact **Kelly Le, kle@asiaohio.org**.

AWARD

Three winners will receive an initial \$2,500 scholarship award with the opportunity of an additional \$500 one-time renewable book scholarship after one year. Recipient will also receive a tour of ASIA's federally qualified health centers located in both Cleveland and Akron.

APPLY

For eligibility and submission requirements, visit asiaohio.org/scholarship. To apply directly online, please use the link <http://zackji.com/wjtf>. Paper applications are also available.

Pictured below 2020 recipients: Alexa Furukawa (left), Angela Falconi (right)



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Jason Wang, MD. Dr. Wang earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University before going to complete his residency at the Long Beach Memorial Family Medicine Program affiliated with the University of California. He is board certified and a member of the American Academic of Family Physicians. Zack Ji. When Zack was a young child growing up in Northeast Ohio, he aspired to become a doctor. However, instead of buying an MCAT preparation book, he spent his allowance on a computer so he could play Starcraft. This sparked his interest in technology, and he went on to graduate from the University of California, Irvine with a degree in computer science. Today, Zack manages an investment portfolio with holdings in medical technology, B2B commerce, nightlife, commercial real estate, and retail services.



A special thank you to Dr. Aileen Thong for contributing to our Family Scholarship for Health Professions. Dr. Thong is donating on behalf of her father, Louis Gitsin Thong (left). Mr. Thong had a background in business management and finance and had careers spanning decades in the oil and rubber industries. After World War II, Mr. Thong accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company which would later become Exxon Mobil. In his position, he rose to become an executive of the company in Malaysia. Mr. Thong encouraged education for all children and this donation reflects the desire for academic excellence in the health field.

Asian Services in Action, Inc. (ASIA) was founded in 1995 by four women hoping to ignite the untapped potential of the emerging AAPI population in Northeast Ohio. The agency began with a small effort of carrying out a one-day health initiative that reached 60 members from the Asian community. Today, ASIA operates two International Community Health Centers in Northeast Ohio that have served nearly 7,000 patients. The organization has served nearly 60,000 clients and patients across six departments and programs.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, attach the following:

- Application Form (page 3)
- Copy of most recent school transcript
- Copy of ACT or SAT score(s)
- Current resume or CV that includes volunteerism
- Typed essay response
- Name of individual submitting letter of recommendation

Any missing requirements will deem the application ineligible. Applicants will receive notification of their submitted application by e-mail and will be notified in writing of the scholarship committee's decision.

Dr. Jason Wang, Mr. Zack Ji, and Dr. Aileen Thong are pleased to announce the fifth year of the Wang JiThong Family Scholarship For Health Professions. In collaboration with the non-profit Asian Services in Action, Inc (ASIA), this scholarship offers three \$2,500 awards to students from the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community as well as all refugees and immigrants served by ASIA Inc. in Northeast Ohio who are entering the health field. The Wang Ji Thong Family Scholarship was created to encourage and support aspiring AAPI students.

The Wang Ji Thong Family Scholarship is open to qualify high school seniors and college-age students from Asian American, Pacific Islander, and other refugee and immigrant communities of Northeast Ohio.

A scholarship selection committee, including Dr. Wang and Mr. Ji, will review applicants based on academic standing, community engagement, financial need and essay responses. Applicants must also submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, or community leader. Finalists participate in phone interviews with the selection committee. Three winners will receive an initial \$2,500 award and an opportunity to shadow health professionals with ASIA's International Community Health Center (ICHHC). A one-time renewable \$500 book scholarship will be awarded as recipients submit a report of progress after one year and agree to mentorship with new award winners.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must belong to AAPI or other refugee/immigrant communities of Northeast Ohio
 - Submit a copy of (1) most recent school transcript, (2) ACT/SAT scores, (3) a typed essay, and (4) a resume/CV that includes volunteerism
 - Submit a letter of recommendation
 - Previous award winners are ineligible to apply for the award
- Apply online: <http://zackji.com/wjtf>. For a printable application, see attached.

Letter of Recommendation. A recommendation letter written by a teacher, school administrator, or community leader should be submitted directly to Kelly Le (kle@asiaohio.org) answering the following:

Please describe the nature of your relationship with, as well as how long you've known the applicant, a summary of your experience with them, and your opinion of his or her character and potential success in the healthcare field.

Typed Essay Prompt. Your experiences shape who you are as an individual beyond grades or test scores. In 500 or less, tell us how your experience has shaped you and your desire to become a professional in healthcare.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2021. For more information, please contact Kelly Le at atkle@asiaohio.org (best) or call 330-535-3263 ext. 5309.

Applications can be sent to: Kelly Le, ASIA Inc.
Wang Ji Thong Scholarship Committee
370 E Market Street, Akron, OH 44304

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APPLICATION FORM

POSTMARK DEADLINE **May 31, 2021.**

Date of Application: ____/____/____

APPLICANT NAME, FIRST		LAST	MIDDLE INITIAL
ADDRESS, NUMBER & STREET			APT./SUITE:
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER () -	ETHNICITY (e.g. Chinese, Korean, etc.)
ADJUSTED HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2020)			
<input type="checkbox"/> < \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 – 24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 – 39,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – 59,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 – 79,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – 99,999 <input type="checkbox"/> > \$100,000			
ASPIRING HEALTH PROFESSION		WEIGHTED GPA*	COMPOSITE ACT/SAT SCORE*
HOW HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BEEN INVOLVED WITH ASIA, INC IN THE PAST? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Job skills training <input type="checkbox"/> Youth program <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship class <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL class <input type="checkbox"/> Senior group <input type="checkbox"/> Received civil and/or social services <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteerism <input type="checkbox"/> This is my first interaction with ASIA <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL SENDING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION		RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	
ESSAY PROMPT* Please attach a typed essay response.		Your experiences shape who you are as an individual beyond grades or test scores. In 500 words or less, tell us how your experience has shaped you and your desire to become a professional in healthcare.	

*Attach copies of transcripts and results

PLEASE REVIEW REQUISITES. ANY MISSING REQUIREMENTS WILL DEEM THE APPLICATION INELIGIBLE. APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THEIR SUBMITTED APPLICATION BY E-MAIL AND THE RESULTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE'S DECISION IN WRITING.

