

North America Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA) Community Scholarship

The Program

NATWA offers college scholarships to high school seniors or college students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace. The scholarships are sponsored by North America Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA). NATWA was founded in Los Angeles in 1988 as a non-profit organization. To learn more about NATWA, please visit our website at WWW.NATWA.COM.

Applicant Qualifications

- Be current high school graduate or college student in good standing and plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States or Canada for the academic year following the end of current NATWA fiscal year.
- Be financially disadvantaged.
- Be ambitious and motivated, as evidenced by achievement in school, community or work activities.

Applicant Requirement

- Be recommended by two unrelated adults who can attest to the student's achievement. At least one recommendation should be from the student's teacher, professor or school counselor. The recommendation letter should be mailed to the scholarship committee directly by the person who wrote the letter.
- Submit current official transcript of grades. The minimum GPA requirement is 3.0.
- Submit essay: describe an outstanding achievement you have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. The accomplishment may be a long-term achievement, an activity or project that occurred in their school, in the community or in the workplace.
- Additional essays: to be determined by Scholarship Committee from each Chapter; a subject related to Taiwan is preferred

Awards

Recipients will be selected by each Chapter to receive scholarship award of (\$500 - \$1000, to be determined by each Chapter, please see "Obligations of Chapters" for detail). The NATWA Scholarship must be used for education-related expenses for the academic year following the end of current NATWA fiscal year. The scholarships are for undergraduate study only and are not renewable.

Selection Criteria

- Primary consideration will be given to the applicant’s demonstrated achievement in a non-academic area.
- Consideration will also be given to other extracurricular activities in school and community, work experience, and the applicant’s academic record over the past four years.

Application

To apply, complete the application form, two required essays and have the two recommendation letters mail directly to the Selection Committee. Mail the completed, signed application with a current, complete official transcript of grades to:

Selection Committee

Applications and all other requirements must be mailed and postmarked to **NATWA Scholarship Selection Committee 363 W Del Mar Blvd, Unit 100, Pasadena, CA 91105 by the due date determined by each Chapter.** On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

Recipients will be notified by (to be determined by chapter)

Payment of Scholarships

The payment shall be made payable to the school for the recipient’s tuition account.

Obligations of Applicants

The recipient is required to notify NATWA Scholarship Selection Committee of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

Obligations of Chapters

- Each chapter is requested to follow NATWA Scholarship guideline and can add additional criteria to the application.
- NATWA Fund will provide \$500 to each Community Scholarship Award upon approval. Chapters can choose to apply portion of their current Community Service budget to their Scholarship offers. Maximum amount of combined Community Service and Community Scholarship for each Chapter is \$1000 per year.
- Chapters should avoid offering Scholarship to same recipient for more than one year.

- Each chapter is requested to submit the Community Scholarship application guideline to NATWA scholarship committee for approval before starting their process each year.
- Each chapter should also submit a summary of the scholarship program including names of the scholarship committee members, geographical coverage, number of applicants, and name of the scholarship winners to the NATWA Scholarship Committee one week before NATWA's annual meeting each year.

Recommended Evaluation Criteria

- 1. Financial Need (required)**
- 2. Academic (1 - 5)**
- 3. Leadership (0 - 5)**
- 4. Community Service (0 - 5)**
- 5. Special Consideration Bonus (0 - 2)**

Academic: 1-5 points

Strong academic scores - School transcript, SAT and/or ACT: 5 points

Average: 3 points

Poor: 1 points

Leadership: 0 - 5 points

Strong experience, e.g. class president etc.: 5

Average: 3

Nothing mentioned 1 or 0

Community Services: 0 -5 points

Heavy volunteer Work: 5

Average: 3

Nothing Mentioned 1 or 0

Bonus: 0-2 points

Any unique qualifications, if any, other than academic achievement, leadership and community services.

(Reference) Application Form

Applicant's Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ **Province** _____ **Area Code** _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Current Address
(If different from above) _____

City _____ **Province** _____ **Area Code** _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Social Insurance Number** _____

Current School Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Expected completion date of current education program _____

How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity? _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Postmark deadline (to be determined by chapter)

Questions? E-mail to _____