



Fo Guang Shan International Translation Center

Buddhism Friendship Scholarship

Eligibility and Application

About Us

Fo Guang Shan International Translation Center (FGSITC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit religious organization, established by Venerable Master Hsing Yun, dedicated to translating and distributing quality translations of classical Buddhist texts as well as works by contemporary Buddhist teachers and scholars. We embrace Humanistic Buddhism and promote Buddhist writing that is accessible, community oriented, and relevant to daily life. We are excited to offer this scholarship, in partnership with the AJ Wang Foundation, to support bilingual students in the community, so they can achieve academic success and personal growth.

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Fund, a component of the AJ Wang Foundation, was established in 2013. Since 2008, the AJ Wang Foundation (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) has donated several millions of dollars to various institutions in Taiwan and the United States to support students. The foundation is led by a couple who immigrated to the United States to pursue the “American Dream.” It is through hard work and their will to overcome financial obstacles that they have become successful entrepreneurs. To fulfill their life-long goal of “giving back” to the communities that supported them in realizing their dreams, they established the foundation to support those with the greatest need.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a graduating high school senior from an accredited high school or a college student currently enrolled full-time (registered in a minimum of 12 units) in an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher education in Southern California.
- Have a semester/quarter GPA and cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- Commit to enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited college or university in Southern California for the entire academic year.
- Be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States.
- Have basic reading and/or speaking proficiency in Mandarin Chinese.
- Participate in the activities included in the curriculum prescribed by the FGSITC during each semester or two out of three quarters.

Scholarship Disbursement

Recipients will be awarded two thousand dollars (\$2,000) a year for up to four years as long as they are enrolled in an accredited college or university in Southern California, awarded in two disbursements (fall and spring semesters/quarters).

To Apply

2024–2025 Application Period:

September 1, 2024 to December 15, 2024

****The application form and all required documents must be received by the deadline****

Application Process

- Fill out and complete the Scholarship Application Form, included at the end of this document.
- Write an essay (minimum of 500 words) indicating the college you plan to attend or are attending, your background, academic achievements, intended educational and career goal(s), and financial need; please include a cover page with a current photo, legal name, phone number, and email address.
- For graduating high school seniors: Submit your final high school transcript, along with college registration as a full-time student (registered in a minimum of 12 units) for the next semester/quarter.
- For current college students: Submit verification of full-time student status, the transcript of all previous semesters/quarters, and registration for the following semester/quarter as a full-time student.
- Please email your application, along with all other required documents, to scholarship@fgsitc.org before the deadline. Use “Buddhism Friendship Scholarship” as the subject heading. Contact us if you have any questions.
- Paper applications and required documents can be mailed to our office. Note that they need to be received by the application deadline, no matter what the postmark date is. Late submissions will not be considered.

- An email confirmation will be sent when the application has been received but only completed applications will be processed.

Mail: **Fo Guang Shan International Translation Center**
3456 Glenmark Drive
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Email: scholarship@fgsitc.org

Interview

After all documents have been received and reviewed by the FGSITC Scholarship Committee, qualified applicants will be contacted by email to set up an in-person interview. (An interview does not guarantee selection.)

The in-person interview questions will relate to following:

- Interest in learning more about Buddhism
- Willingness to explore more about translation, rewriting, and editing
- Creativity in the domain of graphic design

Scholarship Curriculum Requirements

- Please refer to the FGSITC Buddhism Friendship Scholarship Eligibility Requirements.
- Each fall and spring semester/quarter, scholarship recipients are required to fulfill service hours and follow a curriculum that includes self-enrichment, talent contribution, and attendance of in-person workshops at Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights as set and accepted by FGSITC.
- Students must receive a certification letter from the FGSITC Scholarship Committee verifying their satisfactory participation in the FGSITC curriculum each semester/quarter.

Continuation of Scholarship

- Submit your most recent transcript (must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA) and current registration as a full-time student for the following semester/quarter by the deadline.

Renewal Deadline

- January 15–January 31 for grants in the fall semester.
- July 15–July 31 for grants in the spring semester.

Additional Information

- All awards are payable to the Financial Aid/Scholarship Office of the college/university of the selected student's attendance.
- Scholarship recipients are responsible for checking with their respective institutions for disbursement of funds as well as their own financial aid eligibility.
- One academic year refers to two (2) semesters or three (3) quarters of academic study.
- Southern California includes the following counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.
- Students who fail to meet all criteria (maintain a 3.0 GPA, be registered for 12 units, and complete the FGSITC curriculum) will become ineligible in the subsequent semester.
- The FGSITC Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make changes to these policies and procedures at any time.
- There will be no appeals on non-selections.

FGSITC BUDDHISM FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For office use:

Full Name _____ Chinese Name _____
Home Address _____ Cell Phone _____
City, State, Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____
Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____
Gender Male Female _____ U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident
Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____
How did you find out about the scholarship? _____

High school students / recent graduates

Name of High School _____
School Address _____
Name of college/university you plan to attend in the fall _____
Major _____

College / university students

Name of school you currently attend _____
Dates attended _____ Major _____
School you will attend / attend in the spring, if different (transfer students):
Name _____ Major _____
Other college / university you have attended, if any:
Name _____ Major _____
Dates attended _____ Outcome/degree _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Document(s) Attached:

