



2015 Asian Women in Business Scholarship

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The AWIB Scholarship is awarded to exceptional Asian women who demonstrate a commitment to scholarship, leadership, community service, and/or entrepreneurship. Founded in 1995, Asian Women In Business (AWIB) is the only non-profit, tax-exempt organization in the country with the primary mission of assisting Asian women entrepreneurs. Over the years, AWIB has expanded its mission to address the identified needs and issues affecting the business and professional development of Asian Americans. AWIB also serves on various task forces and boards to promote the inclusion of minority and women owned businesses and professionals.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- Each winner will receive \$2,500
- One or two applicants may be considered for an additional \$2,500 (a total of \$5,000) if qualified as lower income and if funds are available
- Awards are expected to be applied towards tuition and other education-related expenses

ELIGIBILITY

- Female and of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry (includes those who can trace their ancestry from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam)
- Enrolled full-time in an accredited 4-year undergraduate institution in the U.S. at the time of application and award
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 (out of 4.0) undergraduate GPA at the time of application
- Have one or more of the following:
 - A leadership role in a community endeavor
 - A record of entrepreneurial achievement
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- For the additional \$2,500, financial need must be demonstrated by submitting a copy of the most current FAFSA form AND the Financial Aid Award Notice from your institution for the 2015-2016 academic year.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Read the FAQ page before filling out the application
- TYPE and fill out the text-enabled pdf application; handwritten applications will NOT be accepted
- Do not use acronyms or uncommon abbreviations
- If you include college organizations in your Leadership Positions and Volunteer Work, please attach the college's official description of the organization
- A college transcript is required for the application; semifinalists will be asked to provide their official college transcript
- Each applicant must submit two essays. Essay prompts can be found on the last page of this application
- Each applicant is required to submit a minimum of 1 and no more than 6 letters of recommendation
- Recommendation letters and references listed on the application must NOT be your relatives, peers, or other students; good references are employers, supervisors, professors, deans, etc.
- Be sure to include correct and current contact information for references
- Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered
- The application and accompanying materials must be postmarked by October 1, 2015
- Mail all materials to Asian Women In Business, 42 Broadway, Suite 1748. New York, NY 10004
- AWIB, at its discretion, may conduct interviews with semifinalists
- Winners will be notified in November 2015

Feel free to attach additional material or information that reinforces your descriptions and experiences



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Name _____ Asian Ancestry _____ DOB ____ / ____ / ____

Email _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____

College/University _____ Graduation Date ____ / ____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major _____ Minor _____ GPA ____/4.00

Residency U.S. citizen U.S. resident
Finalists will be asked to provide proof of their citizenship/residency status

Do you receive financial aid? Yes No
If yes, please indicate _____

How did you hear about the Asian Women In Business Scholarship?
 AWIB.org Career center College organization AWIB scholarship recipient
 Counselor/Professor Word of mouth Website: _____ Other: _____

Leadership

Company/Organization _____ Role _____ Duration mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Job description

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Company/Organization _____ Role _____ Duration mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Job description

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Community Service (continued)

Company/Organization _____ Role _____ Duration mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Job description

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Work Experience

Company/Organization _____ Role _____ Duration mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Job description

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Company/Organization _____ Role _____ Duration mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Job description

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Entrepreneurial Endeavors (if applicable)

Founded a business Managed a business

Name of business _____ Length of time of operation mm/yy-mm/yy _____

Business status: Currently in operation Ceased operation

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Number of employees _____ (Note: The number of employees should not include yourself or co-owners)

Total sales volume _____ Profit total to date _____

Reference _____ Company _____

Relationship to applicant _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Business description

Honors and Awards

Award _____ Date received _____

Award description

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Essays

*Required

1. In an essay of 500-800 words, describe your leadership role(s). What did you accomplish? How has this experience influenced your goals? How has it made you a better leader?

2. In an essay of 150-400 words, outline what you would do with the scholarship money.

Complete both essays

Recommendation Letter(s)

*Required

- A minimum of 1 letter of recommendation (maximum of 6 letters)

Note to the recommender: How well do you know the candidate and in what capacity? What are her specific strengths? How does she fulfill the scholarship criteria of being a leader in the community and/or as an entrepreneur? How does she compare to her peers? Letters should be on letterhead from the company, college/university, etc.

Certification

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I am aware that any misrepresentation or false information will result in my disqualification.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to make sure that this application is completed and postmarked by the required deadline listed on the application. I understand that if my application is incomplete or late, I will be disqualified.

Applicant signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

You may use the following checklist to ensure the application is complete.
Be sure to submit the following materials:

- The scholarship application (do not forget your signature)
- Both essays
- Your most recent college transcript (an unofficial transcript will suffice but semifinalists will be asked to provide an official one)
- At least one letter of recommendation



Mail your application package to:

Asian Women In Business
42 Broadway, Suite 1748
New York, NY 10004

All materials must be postmarked by **October 1, 2015**