

**Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University
S.C. Lee Undergraduate Scholarship Competition
Application 2025 - 2026**

The Shao Chang Lee Scholarship Fund was established by friends and colleagues of the late Professor Lee, in his honor, to provide scholarship awards for **undergraduate students** enrolled at MSU who have made outstanding accomplishments in Asian Studies and are pursuing or planning to pursue a program that includes Asian Studies. The primary purpose of these awards is to encourage excellence in scholarship. Professor Lee was a noted authority on Chinese history and religion. He worked tirelessly to promote further understanding between East Asia and the United States.

- Applicants for the scholarship **must be undergraduate students** enrolled at MSU through Spring semester 2026.
- Preference will be given to those who have not won before. No student may receive an award two years in succession.
- The scholarship is administered by the Asian Studies Center. Selection of the winners is determined by the S.C. Lee Scholarship Committee.
- The scholarships are distributed through the MSU Office of Financial Aid. For the academic year 2025 - 2026, several awards of up to **\$5,000** may be given in Spring 2026.

The following documents must be submitted online to complete this application:

1. **An official transcript (electronic copy)** of all academic work at MSU from the Registrar's office. The transcript must be sent directly to the Asian Studies Center electronically to asiansc@msu.edu no later than **December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. EST**.
2. **Two confidential letters of recommendation from professors** who are able to comment on the applicant's recent academic performance. **Note:** Students are responsible for following up to ensure letters are submitted on time (by **December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. EST**).
3. **An essay of 3 - 4 pages** (typed, 12-point font, double-spaced):
 - The essay should be an intellectual autobiography that explains how you became interested in your particular field of international studies, and what plans you have for the future which involve the continuation and development of this interest (e.g., language acquisition, future travel and study abroad, pursuit of research and funding opportunities, etc.).
 - It should reveal your academic and personal priorities, especially your values and the ways these are manifested in your present and prospective international studies.
 - Although this is not a formal academic essay, your ability to express yourself effectively will be a factor considered by the evaluators. It should reveal your academic and personal priorities, especially your values and the ways these are manifested in your present and prospective international studies.
 - **Essay must be uploaded through the online application form.**
4. **A completed online application.** Please visit the [2025-2026 S.C. Lee Scholarship Online Application](#) page.

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