

Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University
S.C. Lee Scholarship Competition
Application 2020 - 2021

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 2021.
- 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 2020 - 2021, several awards of up to \$5,000 may be given in Spring 2021.

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 Julia Grimm, grimmju@msu.edu **no later than January 31, 2021 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. The letters should be on department letterhead sent via electronically (as a PDF or DOC) from the professors directed to Julia Grimm at grimmju@msu.edu. Please put "SC Lee 2021 Scholarship Application - [STUDENT NAME] Letter of Recommendation" on the Subject line. **Note:** Students are responsible for initiating contact with their professors to request these letters and for following up to ensure letters are submitted on time (by January 31, 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 [S.C. Lee Scholarship Online Application](#) page.

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