

Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University
S.C. Lee Scholarship Competition
Application 2019 - 2020

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 2020.
- 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 2019 - 2020, several awards of up to \$5,000 may be given in Spring 2020.

The following documents must be submitted to complete this application:

1. **An official transcript (physical or electronic copy)** of all academic work at MSU from the Registrar's Office. This can be either a paper copy (in a sealed envelope from the Registrar's office) or an electronic copy (sent directly from the Registrar's office) is to be sent directly to the Asian Studies Center Secretary, Julia Grimm, *no later than January 31, 2020*.
2. **Two confidential letters of recommendation from professors** who are able to comment on the applicant's recent academic performance. This can be via a) signed physical letter, on department letterhead, in a sealed envelope **with the professor's signature over the seal** (campus mail or drop-off) or b) the professor can scan the signed letter and send directly from the professor's email to the Asian Studies Center. Please indicate the student's name and send to grimmju@msu.edu *no later than January 31, 2020*. Note: Students are responsible for communicating with professors to ensure letters are submitted on time.
3. **The application with original signature is to be sent directly to the Asian Studies Center Assistant Secretary, Julia Grimm**
4. **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., travel and study abroad, language acquisition).
 - It should reveal something of yourself as a person, especially the things you value 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.
 - **Essay must be sent with application form.**

SEND by U.S. mail, campus mail, or drop off application materials to be delivered **by 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2020** to:

S.C. Lee Scholarship Competition
ATTN: Julia Grimm, Secretary
Asian Studies Center
427 North Shaw Lane, Room 301
International Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1035

Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University
S.C. Lee Undergraduate Scholarship Competition
Application Form for Academic Year 2019-2020
Deadline for this application: January 31, 2020

Name: _____ PID#: _____

Please print legibly or fill out electronically and print.

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Primary Email: _____

Alt. Email _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____ GPA: _____

Year at MSU: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5 or more

Will you be enrolled Spring 2020? Yes No

Are you a Michigan resident for tuition purposes? Yes No

List two MSU faculty who will be writing letters of recommendation:

Name: _____ Department: _____

Name: _____ Department: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing above, I certify that the information provided in all parts of my application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

For more information visit the Asian Studies Center Website at <http://asia.isp.msu.edu/academics/fellowships-scholarships/sc-lee-awards/>

All application materials are due by 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2020 to the Asian Studies Center.