



Our Chinese Daughters Foundation

When Our Chinese Daughters Foundation was originally formed in 1995, the first major project we undertook in addition to our newsletter was the publishing of the book *New American Families: Chinese Daughters and their Single Mothers*. Later in 2004 OCDF published a second version: *Finding Happiness: Single Mothers Share Their China Adoption Stories*. Both books are still available through OCDF Publications www.ocdf.org/publications. When the first book was published, our promise to our supporters, who were then single mothers adopting daughters from China, was that a portion of the proceeds (income after expenses) would be invested into an account from which we would begin offering scholarships in 2010 whereby their child(ren) would be eligible to benefit. We did invest that money and it is now 2010 - time for Our Chinese Daughters Foundation to begin giving a scholarship to an adopted daughter of a single mother.

The purpose of the “Chinese Daughters Scholarship” is to provide annually a combined *need-based + merit-based* scholarship to an adoptee from China who was raised by a single mother from adoption through college. One scholarship will be given each year for as long as the funds allow. Scholarships will be in the amount of a \$500.00 check to be used specifically toward books and supplies needed within the recipient’s major in the first year of university/college/community college/vocational-technical school.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior attending public school.
2. Applicant must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent of 4.0 (on a 5.0 scale).
3. Applicant must be adopted from the People’s Republic of China by a single parent at the time of adoption and raised by/living with the same parent at the time of application to college. An adoptee raised in a two-parent family is not eligible to apply for this scholarship. An adoptee attending boarding school, sports training school, or other specialty school is not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
4. Applicant has applied for and was accepted by either a 4-year university/college or a 2-year community college or a trade/technical certification program.

Application Procedures:

1. Completion of *Applicant Information Form* and accompanying documents submitted to: OCDF, PO Box 1243, Bloomington, IL 61702-1243 postmarked on or before April 1st of each year.
2. Include a photocopy of your high school transcript and verify your ACT or SAT scores.
3. Include two letters of reference (one from a teacher or guidance counselor and one from a member of the community) speaking to one of these three areas: a) Academic achievements, b) Humanitarian efforts, or c) Connection to Chinese culture.
4. Include an Essay of 400-500 words speaking to how being raised by a single mother has influenced your: a) Academic achievements, b) Humanitarian efforts, or c) Connection to Chinese culture.

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OCDF Applicant Information Form

Annual Chinese Daughters Scholarship

Information will be kept confidential

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Province of Adoption: _____

Adoption Date: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Email: _____

Profession: _____

Title: _____

Employer: _____

Additional Source of Income: _____

Siblings:

If you have a sibling(s) already enrolled in higher education or enrolled in private school, please describe:

Name	Age
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Please complete the following Academic Information:

High School: _____

City: _____

State: _____

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Type of High School (check as many as apply): ___ public high school ___ magnet school for the: _____

___ charter school ___ home-school ___ private school ___ religious-affiliated school ___ boarding school

___ no tuition (part of residential taxes) ___ tuition ___ attend on merit scholarship ___ attend on financial aid

GPA/scale: _____ # Students in your senior class: _____ Class Rank: _____

Standardized Test Score(s): ACT _____ SAT _____

If the school you will attend does not require standardized College Entrance Exams, please indicate the criteria used by the school for acceptance into the program: _____

Extra-curricular Activities in High School:

University/College/Trade-Technical Program you plan to attend: _____

Degree/Major: _____ Length of Program: ___ 2-year ___ 4-year ___ 5-year ___ 6-year

Career Goal: _____

Questions? Contact OCDF: Lynn@ocdf.org or call 309-829-8202.

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