

WANG JI THONG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



ABOUT

In partnership with Dr. Jason Wang, Mr. Zack Ji, and Dr. Aileen Thong, ASIA seeks to support aspiring health professionals. Open to not only Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, but to the many refugee and immigrant communities that ASIA serves in Northeast Ohio, we are proud to offer high school seniors and college students a monetary award along with mentorship and shadowing opportunities at our International Community Health Centers.

AWARD

Three winners will receive an initial **\$2,500** scholarship award with the opportunity for an additional **\$500** one-time renewable book scholarship after one year. Recipient will also receive a tour of ASIA's Federally Qualified Health Centers located in either Cleveland or Akron.

APPLY

For eligibility and submission requirements, visit asiaohio.org/scholarship. To apply directly online, please use the link: <http://zackji.com/wjtfs/>
Paper applications are also available.

For questions on eligibility and requirements, please contact Kelly Le at kle@asiaohio.org

DUE DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

Wang Ji Thong Family Scholarship For Health Professions 2025

Dr. Jason Wang , Mr. Zack Ji, and Dr. Aileen Thong are pleased to announce the sixth year of the Wang Ji Thong Family Scholarship For Health Professions. In collaboration with Asian Services in Action (ASIA), this scholarship offers three \$2,500 awards to students from the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), refugee, and immigrant communities in Northeast Ohio who aspire to enter the health field.

A scholarship selection committee, including Dr. Wang and Mr. Ji, will review applicants based on academic standing, community engagement, financial need, and essay responses. Applicants must also submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, or community leader. Finalists participate in virtual interviews with the selection committee. Three winners will receive an initial **\$2,500** award and an opportunity to shadow health professionals at ASIA's International Community Health Center (IHC). A one time renewable **\$500** book scholarship will be awarded to recipients who submit a report of progress after one year and agree to mentorship with award winners from other years.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must belong to AAPI or other refugee/immigrant communities of Northeast Ohio
- Submit a copy of (1) most recent school transcript, (2) ACT/SAT scores, (3) a typed essay, and (4) a resume/CV that includes volunteerism
- Submit a letter of recommendation
- Previous award winners are ineligible to apply for the award

Apply online: <http://zackji.com/wjtfs>

For a printable application, see attached.

Letter of Recommendation. A recommendation letter written by a teacher, school administrator, or community leader should be submitted directly to Kelly Le (klee@asiaohio.org) answering the following: Please describe the nature of your relationship with the applicant as well as how long you've known them, a summary of your experience with them, and your opinion of his or her character and potential success in the healthcare field.

Typed Essay Prompt. Your experiences shape who you are as an individual beyond grades or test scores. In 500 words or less, tell us how your experiences have shaped you and your desire to become a professional in healthcare.

Application Due Date: August 1, 2025. For more information, please contact Kelly Le at klee@asiaohio.org (best) or call 330-535-3263 ext. 5301.

Applications can be sent to: Kelly Le, ASIA
Wang Ji Thong Scholarship Committee
370 E Market Street
Akron, OH 44304

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Jason Wang, MD earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University before completing his residency at the Long Beach Memorial Family Medicine Program affiliated with the University of California. He is board certified and a member of the American Academic of Family Physicians.

When **Zack Ji** was a young child growing up in Northeast Ohio, he aspired to become a doctor. However, instead of buying an MCAT preparation book, he spent his allowance on a computer so he could play Starcraft. This decision sparked his interest in technology, and he went on to graduate from the University of California, Irvine with a degree in computer science. Today, Zack manages an investment portfolio with holdings in medical technology, B2B commerce, nightlife, commercial real estate, and retail services.



Dr. Aileen Thong commemorates her father, **Louis Gitsin Thong** (left). Mr. Thong had a background in business management and finance and had careers spanning decades in the oil and rubber industries. After World War II, Mr. Thong accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company which would later become Exxon Mobil. In his position, he rose to become an executive of the company in Malaysia. Mr. Thong encouraged education for all children and Dr. Thong's donations reflect her father's desire for academic excellence in the health field.

Asian Services in Action (ASIA) was founded in 1995 by four women hoping to ignite the untapped potential of the emerging AAPI population in Northeast Ohio. The agency began as a small effort of carrying out a one-day health initiative that reached 60 members from the Asian community. Today, ASIA operates two International Community Health Centers in Northeast Ohio that have served nearly 7,000 patients. The organization has served nearly 60,000 clients and patients across nine departments and programs.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, attach the following:

- ☐ Application Form (page 3)
- ☐ Copy of most recent school transcript
- ☐ Copy of ACT or SAT score(s)
- ☐ Current resume or CV that includes volunteerism
- ☐ Typed essay response
- ☐ Name of individual submitting letter of recommendation

Any missing requirements will deem the application ineligible. Applicants will receive notification of their submitted application by email and will be notified in writing of the scholarship committee's decision.

APPLICATION FORM

POSTMARK DEADLINE | FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

Date of Application: ____/____/____

APPLICANT NAME, FIRST		LAST		MIDDLE INITIAL
ADDRESS, NUMBER & STREET				APT/SUITE:
CITY			STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER () -		ETHNICITY (e.g. Chinese, Korean, etc.)	
ADJUSTED HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2024) <input type="checkbox"/> < \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 – 24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 - 39,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 – 59,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 – 79,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 – 99,999 <input type="checkbox"/> > \$100,000				
ASPIRING HEALTH PROFESSION		WEIGHTED GPA*		COMPOSITE ACT/SAT SCORE*
HOW HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY BEEN INVOLVED WITH ASIA IN THE PAST? (MARK ALL THAT APPLY) <input type="checkbox"/> Job skills training <input type="checkbox"/> Youth program <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship class <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL class <input type="checkbox"/> Senior group <input type="checkbox"/> Received civil and/or social services <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteerism <input type="checkbox"/> This is my first interaction with ASIA <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL SENDING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION			RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	
ESSAY PROMPT* Please attach a <u>typed</u> essay response.	<i>Your experiences shape who you are as an individual beyond grades or test scores. In 500 words or less, tell us how your experience has shaped you and your desire to become a professional in healthcare.</i>			

*Attach copies of transcripts and results

PLEASE REVIEW REQUISITES. ANY MISSING REQUIREMENTS WILL DEEM THE APPLICATION INELIGIBLE. APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THEIR SUBMITTED APPLICATION BY EMAIL AND THE RESULTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE'S DECISION IN WRITING.