



AWCA Kihwa Scholarship 2023 Application

About Kihwa Scholarship

The Kihwa Scholarship was established to support the dreams of college and graduate school students who demonstrate dedication to academic achievement and community service but face difficult circumstances. The scholarship was named after its founder, the late Ms. Kihwa Kwak, and this year marks its 20th year of giving back to the community.

The Kihwa Scholarship awards a total of \$6,000 each year to 2 recipients (\$3,000 per student) for the following academic year.

Eligibility | Requirements | Timeline

Eligible Applicants

Current undergraduate or graduate school students
(must have completed their first year at a 4-year college)

Required Materials:

- Complete Application Form
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Most Current Official Transcript(s)
- Personal Statement
- Proof of 100 Volunteer Hours

Timeline

Application Due	Thursday, May 25
Decision Letters	Friday, July 14
Award Ceremony	Friday, August 11 at 10:00 am
Ceremony Location	AWCA (9 Genesee Ave, Teaneck, NJ 07666)

All required materials must be received via email/mail/drop-off by **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

Email AWCA Main Office info@awcanj.org
subject line: "AWCA Kihwa 2023 App Applicant Name"

Mail AWCA 9 Genesee Ave. Teaneck, NJ 07666
attn: "AWCA Kihwa 2023 App Applicant Name"

Contact Us

For more information on Kihwa Scholarship please contact Samuel:

Samuel Oh | Communications and Youth Director
Phone (201) 862-1665 | Monday–Friday | 9am–5pm
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Policies

All scholarship awards are subject to the following conditions. Your acceptance of a scholarship indicates that you have read and understand the following:

1. AWCA reserves the right to review or cancel awards due to changes in academic or program status. All scholarship students must continue to meet eligibility requirements.
2. **Eligibility** is based on **evidence to a commitment to improving the Asian American community**. Students must also submit proof of a minimum of **(100) volunteer hours** accrued within the **past (4) years** (must come from official source), present a **minimum GPA of 3.0**, and **complete the application** process.
3. The application process requires two (2) recommendations from persons in a professional capacity (current or previous employers or instructors only; letters from family, relatives, or personal acquaintances will not be accepted), a completed application, current resume/curriculum vitae, a personal statement, and most current school transcript(s).
4. **Full-time enrollment** (minimum of 12 hours per semester, recommended 15 hours) in a **regular degree program** is required, with **completion of at least 24-credit hours** by the end of the spring semester of each year.
5. Scholarship recipients must maintain a required 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Grades are subject to review on a term-by-term basis. Any scholarship recipient who earns a semester grade point average of less than a 3.0 automatically forfeits the scholarship. Appeal of scholarship termination requires submission of a Scholarship Appeal Form. All appeals are reviewed by the AWCA Scholarship Appeals Committee.
6. Students who withdrew from their education programs after being awarded must notify the AWCA. Withdrawals will result in the cancellation of the award.
7. **Student must be present in-person at the Kihwa Award Ceremony** (Friday, August 11, 10:00 am at AWCA in Teaneck, NJ), to be considered as an scholarship recipient.
8. If the scholarship is renewable, renewal will be automatic and contingent upon all conditions of the award being met. A student may receive a scholarship for up to three years (six semesters in total). Awards are only available for students **who have completed their first year at a 4-year college institution or university**.
9. Scholarship awards are disbursed in one-half amounts before each term (fall and spring; awards are not available for summer semesters). Award amounts will be made available to the students via a direct check disbursement from the AWCA.
10. All awards are subject to the provisions of the Kihwa Scholarship Policy, which mandates that **students may receive only one academic scholarship each year**.

Acknowledgement of Scholarship Policies

My signature below states that I have fully read and comprehended the policies statement.

Name of Applicant (printed)

Signature of Applicant

Date

** The federal tax reform act of 1986 significantly changed the tax of scholarships, fellowships, and grants you receive from the university. Prior to the act, these were generally not subject to income tax. Since then, scholarship, fellowship, and grant amounts exceeding tuition, fees, and course-related books, supplies, and equipment have become taxable.*



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Applicant Information

Name: _____
First Last Suffix/
 Degree: _____

Gender: Male Female Birthdate: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic Information

Current School: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Current GPA: _____ Expected Grad. Year: _____

Career Interest/
 Expected Profession: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Provide at least one emergency contact.

Name	Relationship
Phone	Email

Personal Statement

A personal statement is required for your application to be complete. The statement must follow the noted format: 500-800 words, typed, 12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced, 1" margins.

Please write your personal statement on the following topic:

- Describe your experience(s) in volunteering and your plans for community development, outreach, enrichment, and/or involvement with your prospective degree (Bachelors/Masters).



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Letters of Recommendation | Proof of Community Service

Two letters of recommendation from a professional source are required (e.g., current or former employer, professor/instructor, clergy, volunteer supervisor; letters from family, relatives, or personal acquaintances will not be accepted).

Proof/verification of a minimum of 100 volunteer hours accrued within the past 4 years are required and must come from official source as noted above in 'letters of recommendations'.

AWCA must receive letters and proof of service directly from the recommenders and community service staff via email/mail by **THURSDAY, MAY 25**. Letters or verifications received through applicants/arrived after the deadline will be voided.

Email info@awcanj.org
subject line: "AWCA Kihwa 2023 Recc Applicant Name"

Mail AWCA 9 Genesee Ave. Teaneck, NJ 07666
attn: "AWCA Kihwa 2023 Recc Applicant Name"

Signature of Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Name of Applicant (printed)

Signature of Applicant

Date