

2026 Rev. Dr. James Shum Scholarship
COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

“Thirst For Knowledge”



Rev. Dr. James Shum valued knowledge, and throughout his lifetime continued to learn about the history of CPC, Chinese churches in PC(USA), and whatever other organizations or locations interested him.

As Head Pastor at CPC of Oakland, for 30 years, Rev. Shum was instrumental in developing the East Bay Asian Youth Outreach Ministry (EBAYOM), which offers a seven-week summer program for children in grades 1st-8th. In addition, Rev. Shum’s love of music, led to establishing a handbell ministry which has served many of the youth and adults of the *Harmony Ringers*.

Rev. Shum was proud to serve as a volunteer Oakland Police Chaplain, a professor at Sabah Theological Seminary in Malaysia, and was always willing to share his advice with other pastors, and his parishioners.

How can you share your knowledge to serve your community to bring glory to God?

Apply today for a Rev. Dr. James Shum Community Service Scholarship and let it inspire you to bring glory to God while accomplishing your goals.

For students of Asian descent, associated with CPC of Oakland, beginning college in Fall 2026. One scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at the 10:30 am joint worship service.

“...but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

— John 4:14

2026 Rev. Dr. James Shum Scholarship

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Deadline: May 3, 2026

Email application to pamjwong@yahoo.com

*Candidate must be a high school senior of Asian descent associated with the Chinese Presbyterian Church of Oakland, who will be attending college this Fall. Award recipient or a representative must attend the presentation at 890 Fargo Avenue, San Leandro, CA or via Zoom during the "All Church Family" worship service on **June 21, 2026 from 10:30 am-12:15 pm**. Failure to attend the service will result in forfeiture of your scholarship. One (1) scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a student who serves his/her community, spreads God's love through his/her volunteerism efforts, and sets goals to benefit the Asian American community.*

Selection Criteria. Semi-finalists will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Current or past participant of the EBAYOM Summer Program at CPC
- Active volunteerism to share the love of God with others
- Participation in school, church, and extracurricular activities
- Demonstration of leadership in school, church, and/or community related activities
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Unusual circumstances, if any (i.e. health or financial need)

Timeline for the Scholarship:

- May 3 - Deadline for receiving application and requested materials
- May 17 - Semi-finalists and other candidates notified
- June 7 - Semi-finalists interviewed
- June 14 - Scholarship recipient notified
- June 21 - Awards Presentation at the Chinese Presbyterian Church of Oakland's sister church

Application Requirements: Email all information to pamjwong@yahoo.com

- Must be a high school senior starting college in Fall 2026.
- Submit a completed scholarship application form (Word or pdf).
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from ***EITHER*** your school or community organization (Word or pdf).
- Submit a 1,000-word (or less) essay
- Submit a copy of your latest transcript and SAT/ACT scores
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- All application materials must be received by **May 3, 2026**. Materials arriving after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTE: We ask all recipients to consider "giving back" by volunteering at the Chinese Presbyterian Church of Oakland or donating to this fund AFTER you graduate from college, to help perpetuate this scholarship in the future.

Candidate's Name: _____ School: _____

Address (including zip code): _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Career Goal(s): _____ Gender: M F

Elementary School: _____ Middle School: _____

High School: _____ College: _____

School Letter of Recommendation from: _____

OR Church/Community Letter of Recommendation from: _____

1. List three (3) of your most personally fulfilling community service activities in order of importance that you have participated in, including, but not exclusive to, the Asian American community:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Your Role</u>	<u>Involvement Dates</u>	<u>Hours Per Wk</u>
(i.e. <i>Chinese Presbyterian Church</i>)	<i>Jane Doe</i>	<i>510-555-1234</i>	<i>After school tutor</i>	<i>9/2023-present</i>	<i>3hrs)</i>

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2. List three (3) of your most meaningful extracurricular activities in order of importance and your involvement:

<u>Extracurricular Activities</u>	<u>Your Role</u>	<u>Involvement Dates</u>
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3. List any employment experience (with your most current job first):

<u>Company</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Your Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours Per Wk</u>
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4. Have you applied for or received other scholarships?

- Applied Received

5. Please attach a personal statement of 1,000 words or less, elaborating on the following topics:

- a. Explain how you have shared God’s love with the community and why the activities you listed above are important to you and the positive effects it has on the community at large.
- b. What is your family and personal background, including any unusual circumstances?
- c. Please specify how your heritage has played a role in shaping your identity.
- d. How have you been developing and utilizing your knowledge to help the Asian American community as a way of honoring the memory of Rev. Dr. James Shum?

6. How did you hear about this scholarship?

If I am selected for a scholarship, I, or a representative on my behalf, will attend the presentation in-person at the Chinese Presbyterian Church of Oakland’s sister church located at 890 Fargo Avenue in San Leandro, CA in the small chapel at the end of Endicott Street or via Zoom on June 21, 2026 to receive my award.

Signature

Date

Letter of Recommendation

Please ask a school, church, or community staff who is familiar with your work in the community to complete this form. Please have them type and sign this form and return with your application.

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Staff Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

The Rev. Dr. James Shum Scholarship Fund was established to award scholarships to high school seniors who have demonstrated community service, leadership qualities, and above-average grades. Please address the following topics, providing specific examples, to give an accurate description of the candidate:

- In what capacity have you known the candidate and how long have you've known him/her?
- What personal attributes about the candidate impress you most and why?
- Describe the candidate's leadership qualities.
- Are there any additional details that you would like to share with us about the candidate?