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AFSA Mission Statement
AFSA seeks to advance the scholastic and civic interests of its members by providing opportunities to:
- work collaboratively across disciplines to plan and conduct research;
- promote partnerships with community-based organizations for research and evaluation activities;
- serve as a consultant to the UWM community on academic, sociocultural, climate, and faculty/staff/student issues;
- encourage and reward the scholastic achievement and community participation of UWM Asian and Asian American students; and
- network and socialize.

Award Program 2016

For more information about the AFSA Award Program, contact:

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The Asian Faculty and Staff Association (AFSA) Award Program was established in spring 2004. It recognizes outstanding Asian and Asian American students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for their academic excellence, as well as their commitment and contribution to the Asian community in the greater Milwaukee area.

The Program offers two $500 awards to currently enrolled Asian and Asian American students. Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply. The recipients will be selected in Spring Semester for the following academic year.

Application Criteria:

Any UWM student can apply or be nominated for the award. The applicant/nominee must:
- Be a student of Asian origin.
- Be a currently enrolled full time student who will continue at UWM in 2016-17.
- Demonstrate a 3.25 or higher GPA for two consecutive years at the undergraduate level or 3.5 or higher GPA for one year at the graduate level.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the Asian community.
- Demonstrate personal achievement through participation in community service, extracurricular and other activities.
- Previous award winner are ineligible to reapply.

Application Process:

The applicant/nominee must submit:
- A cover letter.
- Two letters of recommendation, one preferably from a UWM faculty, and the other from a community leader. *(To be sent directly to committee chair at email address below)*
- An essay that addresses your qualifications and reasons why you should receive the award.
- A UW-Milwaukee transcript.

Submit applications electronically to Vipavee Thongpriwan at thongpri@uwm.edu by 4:30pm on Thursday March 31, 2016.

Award Timeline:

- **February, 2016**
  Award announcement
- **March 31, 2016**
  Application deadline
- **April 30, 2016**
  Announcements of award recipients
- **Fall, 2016**
  Awardee are expected to attend the reception.

The award recipients will be selected by the AFSA Award Committee based on the application criteria.

Student Testimonies:

"This award encouraged me to proceed in my academic study in linguistics as a PhD student. I could successfully attend Linguistics Summer School (LSA) in Chicago due to your support. I learned a lot from this experience and it motivated me to continue studying linguistics. I will never forget this fantastic experience that you made possible for me. Thank you so much!"

*Ho Eun Park, Ph.D. Candidate 2015-16 Recipient Linguistics*

"I was honored to think that others have think of my accomplishments to successful in their light at UWM. As we revolve these ideas, this is solely how this award will help me directly. The award simply allows me to work a little less as I have to bills to pay. With less work, it allows me to give back to the UWM student body. This all in turns is simply how the award will help me."

*Victor Yang, Undergraduate (Senior) 2015-16 Recipient Engineering & Applied Science*

For a list of past recipients, visit the AFSA website at www4.uwm.edu/afsa