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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.

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 (AFSA Award and Dr. Swarnjit Arora Award) 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 2018-19.
- 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 winners 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: afsa-award@uwm.edu)*
- An essay that addresses your qualifications and reasons why you should receive the award.
- A UW-Milwaukee transcript.

Submit applications electronically to Dr. Susie Lamborn at afsa-award@uwm.edu by 4:30pm on Saturday March 31, 2018.

Award Timeline:

- **February, 2018**
  Award announcement
- **March 31, 2018**
  Application deadline
- **April 30, 2018**
  Announcements of award recipients
- **Fall, 2018**
  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:

"As a first-generation Hmong college student, I have been on the Dean’s Honor List for two consecutive semesters. I also participate in multiple student organizations on campus. This award will assist in relieving financial obligations to support my education at UWM. This will give me a chance to dedicate more time to serving my community and focus on an even higher level of academic achievement.

Navee Lor
Undergraduate Achievement Award 2017-18 Recipient

"As a political science researcher, I believe that political science is the study about human society rather than a study about power. I am appointed the Director of Young Leaders at Korean-American Association of Milwaukee. I am proud being Asian because it provides me unique perspective and worthy outcomes to both Americans and Asian communities. I truly appreciate receiving this award and it as an encouragement for further work."

Shin Young Park
Graduate Achievement Award 2017-18 Recipient

"I am a co-first author publishing my work entitled Biaxial Dielectrophoresis Force Spectroscopy: A Novel Stoichiometric Approach for Examining Inter-molecular Weak Binding Interactions. In recognition of the excellence of my paper, the Korea Biological Research Information Center (BRIC) presented me with the award “The people who have brought great honor to Korea.” My goal is to be a great researcher who can contribute to the healthy life of all human beings.”

Tae Joon Kwak
Graduate Honorary Award 2017-18 Recipient

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