

Asian American Christian Counseling Service
Ryo and Jean Komae Scholarship
For 2020-2021 School Year

Deadline: February 15, 2020

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—Psalm 34:18

Asian American Christian Counseling Service (AACCS): AACCS was founded more than 33 years ago to provide professional counseling services that are culturally sensitive while also recognizing how psychology and culture intersect with issues of faith. It is a non-denominational, not for profit organization under the auspices of New Dawn Christian Family Services, Inc.

AACCS is dedicated to providing emotional healing to individuals and families, restoring broken relationships, and offering hope and guidance for positive personal change. It accomplishes its mission by providing:

- * affordable and accessible counseling and psychotherapy
- * graduate and post-graduate training of counselors and therapists who desire to serve the Asian American Christian community
- * consultation and support to pastors, churches, missionaries, and other para-church organizations
- * preventative and educational services, such as pre-marital counseling, parent education, and other speaking events

The Scholarship: The AACCS Ryo and Jean Komae Scholarship is awarded annually to help the next generation of Christian counselors with a heart to serve the Asian American community and to give these counselors encouragement in their graduate studies as they prepare to help the “brokenhearted.”

Two scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded in the spring of 2020 to be used for the 2020-2021 academic year. Payment will be made directly to the educational institutions of the awardees in the Fall of 2020. Each scholarship is a one-time award. In order to receive the Scholarship, recipients must be present at the annual AACCS' Kindness Luncheon which will be held on April 18, 2020.

Criteria for applicants:

1. Must be a graduate student currently enrolled in an accredited Marriage and Family Therapy(MFT) Program, Master in Social Work (MSW) Program or a Clinical Psychology (Psy.D/Ph.D.) Program in a Los Angeles County, Orange County, or Inland Empire college or university.
2. Must have an overall undergraduate and graduate school GPA of 3.3 or higher.
3. Must be of Asian American descent or have an interest as well as lived experience in Asian culture, languages and/or the Asian American community.
4. Must have a heart for and calling to bring his/her skills to the Asian American Christian community and the Asian American community at large following completion of his/her graduate program.
5. Must be a professing Christian as found in Romans 10:9.
6. Must be a regular attendee at a local church
7. Must be willing and available to serve as a volunteer for AACCS if awarded the scholarship (15 or more hours during the 2020-2021 school year).
8. May not be a current or former employee or independent contractor of AACCS/New Dawn; may not be an immediate family member (spouse, child, sibling or in-law) of a current or former employee or independent contractor of AACCS/New Dawn.
9. Former clients must have terminated services for two or more years.

Application process:

All applications with supporting documents may be submitted by email or mail:

Email: scholarship@aaccs.org with “**Scholarship**” in your subject line

Mail: Asian American Christian Counseling Service
Scholarship Committee
2550 West Main Street, Suite 202
Alhambra, CA 91801

DEADLINE: All applications and supporting documents must be received by **February 15, 2020.**

PLEASE NOTE: Should you apply for this scholarship award, please save April 18, 2020 on your calendar for the AACCS Afternoon of Kindness Luncheon in the event you are selected for a scholarship.

APPLICATION FORM

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Please type or print all information:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: () _____

Cell phone: () _____

Email address: _____

APPLICANT STATUS:

1. I am currently enrolled as a graduate student at [Name of Southern California University or College] _____
in the [check one]

- Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy
- Masters of Social Work
- Psy.D. or Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

2. Overall GPA _____

ESSAY:

On a separate page, please submit a typed, double spaced, one or two page essay on: *“How I hope to serve the Asian American Christian and Asian American*

Community when I graduate” or “How the Lord called me into the field of counseling and therapy”

PAST EXPERIENCES:

Please include a short description of any past and present experience and involvement in the Asian American and/or Asian American Christian Community.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Two letters of recommendation: one from a faculty member of your school and one from either your pastor, a Christian leader under whom you have served, or a spiritual mentor who can offer a personal reference. Letters are to be submitted directly to AACCS by your references.

AGREEMENT:

I have completed the application honestly and true to the best of my knowledge. The Scholarship Committee has my permission to contact my references as needed with regard to any questions that may arise as to my stated experiences and/or to clarify facts stated in this application. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of the information contained in this application may revoke my rights to the award.

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Your completed application with supporting documents must be submitted either electronically or by mail. Please pass this information on to your references when you seek recommendation letters.

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CHECKLIST:

- Application form
- Essay
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Past or present experiences with the Asian American and/or Asian American Christian Community
- Two letters of recommendation

QUESTIONS:

1. Email scholarship@aaccs.org
2. Call (626) 457-2900 or (800) 970-1112, ext 375