

AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Guide

Step-by-Step Instructions and Sample Application Materials

Moorpark College Scholarship Office Resource for students

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Welcome

If this is your first time applying for a scholarship, you might feel unsure about where to start or what a “good” application looks like. That’s totally okay.

This guide is here to help you step by step through the AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship application. Inside, you’ll find clear instructions, tips, and real examples to show you what strong answers can look like.

You don’t need to be perfect to apply. You don’t need a long list of achievements. What matters most is your goals, your effort, and your willingness to share your story.

Take your time and work through this guide one section at a time. You do not have to finish everything all at once.

And if you get stuck, please reach out. You are not doing this alone, and support is available to help you through the process.

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- AJ Wang Foundation website: <https://ajwangfoundation.org/scholarship/>

Start Here

What is this scholarship?

The AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship helps graduating high school seniors pay for college for at least two years at a participating community college in Southern California.

Students must apply directly through the [AJ Wang Foundation](#).

Important Dates

- Application opens: **April 15**
- Application deadline: **June 1**

Who should apply?

You should apply if you:

- Are a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend a community college
- Want support paying for college

Step-by-Step: How to Apply

- **Step 1: Start your application**
Access the application through the [AJ Wang Foundation website](#).
- **Step 2: Request your transcript**
Request your high school transcript early to avoid delays.
- **Step 3: Write your letter of application**
This is one of the most important parts of your application.
- **Step 4: Prepare your résumé**
List your activities, work experience, and accomplishments.
- **Step 5: Save all documents as PDFs**
All materials must be submitted in PDF format. Screenshots are not acceptable.
- **Step 6: Submit before June 1**
Do not wait until the last day to submit.

Writing Your Letter of Application

What should your letter do?

Your letter should:

- Explain your educational and career goals
- Show what you have learned from your experiences
- Help the reader understand who you are
- Connects the things you've been doing to your future

Simple Structure to Follow

- **Paragraph 1:**
Who you are and your plan after high school
- **Paragraph 2:**
Your experiences and what you learned from them
- **Paragraph 3:**
Your educational and career goals
- **Paragraph 4:**
How this scholarship will support your success

Do This, Not This

When writing your letter, it is not enough to list what you did. Scholarship reviewers want to understand **what you learned, how you grew, and how your experiences connect to your goals.**

Below are examples to help you strengthen your writing.

Instead of...	Try this
"I was captain of the soccer team."	"As captain of the soccer team, I learned how to support my teammates, communicate clearly during high-pressure moments, and stay positive even after difficult losses."
"I was involved in ASB."	"Through my involvement in ASB, I helped plan school events and learned how to organize tasks, work with a team, and manage responsibilities on a deadline."
"I work part-time at a store."	"Working part-time has taught me how to manage my time between school and work, communicate with customers, and stay responsible for my shifts and tasks."
"My situation was difficult."	"Although my situation was difficult, I learned how to stay motivated and continue working toward my education, even when things did not go as planned."

Sample Letters of Application

Sample Letter 1: Mickey Maus

Mortimer "Mickey" Maus
1928 Disneyland Drive
Anaheim, CA 92802

Dear AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Committee,

My name is Mickey Maus, and I am a senior at Yensid High School with a 3.51 GPA. I plan to attend Moorpark College as a full-time student to study Business and Film, Television, and Media Arts, with the goal of transferring to continue my education in media and storytelling.

One of the biggest influences on my growth has been serving as captain of the soccer team. I used to think leadership was about giving directions, but I've learned it's more about supporting people. I've had to help teammates stay focused after losses, step in when communication breaks down, and encourage people to keep going when things get difficult. It has taught me patience, responsibility, and how to lead in a way that builds others up.

As secretary of the Film Club at my school, I've learned how important organization and communication are when working on creative projects. I help coordinate meetings, track project details, and support group work as students plan and create short films. I've seen how quickly projects can fall apart without clear communication, and how much stronger they become when everyone is working together with a shared plan.

At Moorpark College, I want to build skills in both business and media so I can understand how creative projects are developed from idea to completion. My goal is to work in the entertainment industry creating meaningful content while also understanding how to manage and support the business side of production.

This scholarship would allow me to focus fully on my education as a full-time student and take advantage of opportunities without being limited by financial pressure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mickey Maus

Sample Letter 2: Minnie Emous

Minerva "Minnie" Emous
5555 Disneyland Drive
Anaheim, CA 92802

Dear AJ Wang Foundation Scholarship Committee,

My name is Minnie Emous, and I am a senior at Yensid High School with a 3.8 GPA. I plan to attend Moorpark College as a full-time student and then transfer to the University of Southern California to study Computer Science and Animation. My goal is to combine my love of art with technology so I can create animated content for television and film.

A big part of my high school experience has been balancing school with a part-time job at a local boutique. Working while keeping up with my classes has taught me how to manage my time carefully and stay responsible, even when my schedule is full. It has also helped me build communication skills and learn how to stay focused on my priorities.

Because of my work schedule, I have not been able to participate in as many school activities as I would have liked. At the same time, it has pushed me to be very intentional with how I spend my time outside of work. Most of that time is spent drawing and practicing animation. I am especially interested in learning how technology can be used to bring artwork to life and how animation continues to evolve as tools and software change.

At Moorpark College, I want to focus fully on my studies and also become more involved on campus. My goal is to grow both creatively and technically so I can build a strong foundation in animation and computer science. In the future, I hope to work in animation for film or television, combining storytelling with technology to create engaging and meaningful work.

This scholarship would allow me to reduce my work hours so I can focus more on my education and take full advantage of opportunities to learn, connect with others, and develop my skills.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Minnie Emous

How to Build Your Résumé (Quick Guide)

Your résumé is a simple one-page summary of how you spend your time and what you are learning from it. It does not need to be perfect or full.

Use the sections below and write short bullet points.

1. Header
 - Full name
 - City, State
 - Email
 - Phone number
2. Education
 - School name
 - Expected graduation year
 - GPA
3. Experience
 - Include jobs or responsibilities.
 - For each:
 - Title
 - Where you did it
 - Dates
 - 1–2 bullet points on what you did or learned
4. Activities
 - Include clubs, sports, volunteer work, or regular responsibilities.
 - For each:
 - Name of activity
 - Dates
 - 1 bullet on what you did or learned
5. Skills
 - List 3–6 skills such as:
 - Time management
 - Communication
 - Teamwork
 - Organization

Final Reminder

Keep it simple. One page is enough. Focus on what you did and what you learned, not perfection or length.

Sample Résumé

Mickey Maus

Anaheim, CA

mickeymaus@email.com | (555) 555-5555

Education

Yensid High School, Anaheim, CA
GPA: 3.51

Expected Graduation: May 2026

Experience

Film Club Secretary

September 2024 – May 2026

Yensid High School, Anaheim, CA

- Help organize club meetings and communicate updates to members
- Support planning and coordination of student film projects
- Learned how to stay organized, communicate clearly, and manage group tasks

Varsity Soccer Team – Captain

January 2026 – May 2026

Yensid High School, Anaheim, CA

- Lead team practices and support communication between players and coaches
- Help teammates stay focused and motivated during games and challenges
- Developed leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills

Volunteer

February 2025-May 2025

Disneyland Animal Shelter, Anaheim CA

- Helped care for animals by assisting with feeding, cleaning, and basic support tasks
- Helped with organizing spaces and supporting staff during busy hours
- Developed patience, responsibility, and teamwork in a service environment

Skills

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Organization
- Time management

APPLICATION FORM

Application Period: April 15 – June 1 Annually

Please Print

TODAY'S DATE:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME				
HOME ADDRESS					
HOME or CELL PHONE	US CITIZEN	YES	NO		
	US LEGAL RESIDENT	YES	NO		
BIRTHDATE	ELIGIBLE FOR DREAM ACT	YES	NO		
	GENDER	M	F		
EMAIL ADDRESS					
NAME OF CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL & ADDRESS					

PROPOSED COLLEGE OF ATTENDANCE (Please check one)	
Cerritos College	Los Angeles Southwest College
Coastline Community College	Los Angeles Trade-Tech College
East Los Angeles College	Los Angeles Valley College
Glendale College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moorpark College
Long Beach City College	Oxnard College
Los Angeles City College	Pasadena City College
Los Angeles Harbor College	Santa Monica College
Los Angeles Mission College	Ventura College
Los Angeles Pierce College	West Los Angeles College

PARENT'S NAME (Mother/Father or both or Guardian)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (I certify that all the information provided on this form is accurate.)

Please attach a resume, a transcript from 9th grade through the first semester of the senior year, and a letter of application (details reflected in the eligibility criteria).

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How to Submit Your Application

When you are ready, submit your application by email. Be sure to follow the instructions on the [AJ Wang Foundation website](#)

Where to Send It

Email your completed application to:
info@ajwangfoundation.org

Use an email address you check regularly, since this is how you will receive updates.

What to Include

Attach all required documents in one email:

- Application form
- Letter of application
- Résumé
- Transcript

Incomplete applications may not be reviewed.

File Requirements

- Save all documents as **PDFs**
 - Do not submit screenshots or photos
 - Make sure files are clear and readable
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Before You Submit

- All documents are attached
 - Files are in PDF format
 - You checked for errors
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Deadline

Submit your application by **June 1**.
Late applications are not accepted.

Need Help?

If you need help with:

- Your letter of application
- Your résumé
- Saving documents as PDFs
- Understanding any part of the process

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