



Scholarship Application for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Eligibility

Applicants to the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Program must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident;
- Plan to enroll full-time as an undergraduate at an accredited U.S. four-year college or university for the entire 2024-2025 academic year;
- Have studied one or more of the Chinese Martial Arts – Kung Fu, Wu Shu, or Tai Chi – for a minimum of 5 [five] years; and
- Have a “B” average grade or better.

Award Criteria

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following factors:

- Martial arts achievement (e.g., tournament medals*, contribution to the martial arts);
- Academic achievement;
- An essay explaining what the study of martial arts has meant to the applicant; and
- Participation and leadership in community and school activities, work experience, educational and career goals, and unusual circumstances.

Selection of recipients is made by the Trustees of the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Foundation. Family members of the Trustees are ineligible for the award.

Award Amount

Awards are for undergraduate study only and pertain to a single academic year.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Foundation will make at least two awards of \$3000 each.

Recipient Code of Conduct

Recipients of a Helen Gee Chin Scholarship shall not commit any act that is dishonest, immoral, or illegal or that otherwise could hurt the image of the Chinese Martial Arts. If such an act is committed by a Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Program recipient, the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship award shall immediately be revoked.

* The expectation of tournament competition may be reduced in the case of special life circumstances (see Section 10).

Application Procedure

All application materials must be submitted by email or in writing **on or before June 15, 2024**, (postmark date) to:

Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Foundation
c/o Calvin Chin’s Martial Arts Academy
66 Winchester Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Applicants are responsible for submitting all materials on time and in **ONE ENVELOPE** (exception: Section 11, official transcripts and letters should be mailed directly by their senders). The application may be downloaded and filled out electronically (www.hgcscholarshipfoundation.org). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Applications are complete and valid only when all of the following materials have been received:

Application Check List

- Application form
 - Complete official transcript(s), including grading scale, covering the last two years (from high school and/or college).
 - Essay on how the study of martial arts has fundamentally impacted in your life. (500 words or less)
 - A letter of recommendation from your current or most recent Sifu, attesting to your years of study and fitness for the scholarship
 - Recommendation from one other appropriate person (such as a teacher or counselor/advisor)
 - For high school seniors: rank and GPA information from school official (application section 11) and copy of college acceptance letter
- Be sure to copy the application for your records.*

Notification

All applicants will be notified by e-mail by mid-August 2024. At that time, the recipient must still be planning to enroll at the college listed in section 4 of the application form in 2024-2025.

Payment of Scholarships

Scholarships will be processed in one installment by August 15. Checks will be mailed to the recipient’s home address and made payable to the school.



1. Applicant Data

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle Initial _____
 Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apt. # _____
 City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____
 Email address _____
 Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
 Citizenship Status U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident *(You must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident to apply. In the latter case, provide a copy of your "green card".)*
 Gender Identification: *(optional)* Male Female Other
 Race/Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native African American Multi-Racial
(optional) Caucasian Asian Hispanic/Latino Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 Where did you hear about the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Program? High School College contact Online _____
 Family member received award Other _____

2. Family/Household Information

With whom do you live?

Name	Relation to you	Age	What does this person do? Job Title/School/Other

Total Household Income \$0-\$24,999 \$25,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$74,999 \$75,000-\$99,999 \$100,000+
 Where were you born? *(Country)* _____ How long have you lived in the U.S.? _____
 Is English your first language? Yes No If not, what is your first language? _____
 Are you among the first generation in your immediate family to attend college? Yes No
Mother's highest level of education: Middle school High school Some college College
 Graduate school
Father's highest level of education: Middle school High school Some college College
 Graduate school

3. High School Data **4. College Data**

School Name _____ Please list the college you plan to attend in 2024-2025.
 City _____ State _____ School Name _____
 Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____ City _____ State _____
 Expected Year in School: Fresh Soph Jr Sr

List all special awards and honors you have received in the past four years (in high school or college).

Special Awards/Honors	Received From	Date Received

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets of paper using the same format.

5. Work Experience

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Employer/Position	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Hours per week	Total Amount Earned
				\$
				\$
				\$

6. School Activities

List all school activities in which you have participated in the past four years (e.g. student government, music, sports, etc.). Note all offices held.

Activity	Number of Years	Offices held

7. Community Service/Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past four years.

Organization	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Activities

8. Martial Arts Experience (attach additional sheets as needed)

List all martial arts activities in which you have participated.

Organization/Sifu	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Style/Description

9. Martial Arts Competition (attach additional sheets as needed)

List all martial arts tournaments attended and any medals and awards received if applicable.

Organization	Tournament Name/Location	National, Regional or Local	Date	Award/Medal

10. Special Life Circumstances

Please describe any special life circumstances (e.g., financial hardship, personal loss, etc.) you would like the review committee to consider when reviewing your application.

11. Rank and GPA Information from School Official for Entering Freshmen

Applicant First and Last Name _____

Please print your name above and make a copy of this section to be completed by the appropriate school official. **A clear explanation of the school's grading scale must also be submitted.** Grade reports are not acceptable.

Class Rank	Cumulative GPA
Applicant Ranks _____	Weighted _____/4.0
In a class of _____	Unweighted _____/4.0

The school official may send this section directly to the scholarship foundation along with, or under separate cover, an official transcript of grades: HGCSF c/o CCMAA, 66 Winchester St., Newton, MA 02481 Alternatively, they may be placed in sealed envelopes to include with your mailed application materials.

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____

12. Other Scholarships

Please list other outside private scholarships you are receiving or for which you are applying for the 2024-2025 school year.

Name of Scholarship	Check appropriate box	Amount (if known)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Received	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Received	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Received	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied <input type="checkbox"/> Received	\$

13. Required Attachments

- Essay describing how the study of martial arts has fundamentally impacted your life. (500 words or less)
- Two recommendations, including one from your current/most recent Sifu attesting to your martial arts experience
- Complete official transcript(s) covering the last two years (from high school and/or college)
- Copy of your college acceptance letter (for entering Freshmen only)

14. Statements and Signatures

I acknowledge all decisions are made by the Helen Gee Chin Scholarship Foundation ("HGC"). I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information such as the first two pages of my parent(s)/guardian(s)' most recent IRS Form 1040. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____
(Required if applicant is under age 18 or if claiming a hardship)