



GRACE WU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 Academic Scholarship

Deadline: All applications and supporting documents must be received by **April 1, 2022**

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The Scholarship: Grace Wu was a member of Chinese Christian Church of Thousand Oaks (CCCTO). She passed away in 2013 due to mental illness. Grace donated part of her estate to CCCTO. The GRACE WU Memorial Scholarship will be 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 so that they can shine Jesus' light in the darkness of mental illness.

One scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded for the following school year. Payment will be made directly to the university or college. This scholarship is not renewable.

Enlighten Mental Health Ministry: Enlighten is a non-profit organization whose passion is to shine God's Light on those facing mental health challenges to brighten lives with His help, hope, and healing. The Ministry is for individuals and families affected by mental illness, churches and their leaders, and anyone who has a heart to walk with others from mental illness towards mental health.

Its mission is to:

- *Encourage:* We will **encourage** through empathy, friendship and support groups. We will do this in an environment of faith and hope, believing that God loves us.
- *Educate:* We will **educate** by teaching about the causes and effects of brain diseases to help equip people to understand how to achieve mental health. We will also seek to remove the stigma of mental illness, its myths and misunderstandings.
- *Empower:* We will **empower** individuals and churches with resources so that they can take action to care for the mental health needs of others and/or themselves.

Each year, Enlighten hosts a mental health seminar to encourage and educate. The annual seminars/webinars began in 2018, which included plenary speakers and an assortment of workshops on various mental health topics. To learn more, see <https://enlightenmentalhealth.org/>

Great Oaks Christian Ministries: Enlighten Mental Health Ministry is a part of the Great Oaks Christian Ministries (GOCM), which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. GOCM supports missions and community care ministries including mental health and cancer patient care. To learn more, see <https://www.goaks.org/>



Criteria for applicants:

1. Must be a graduate student currently enrolled in an accredited Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) Program, Masters in Social Work (MSW) Program or a Clinical Psychology (Psy.D./Ph.D.) Program at a local Southern California area university or college.
2. Must have an overall undergraduate and graduate school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Must be of Asian American descent or have a desire to serve the Asian American community.
4. Must have a heart to bring his/her skills to the Asian American Christian community and the Asian American community as a whole following completion of his/her graduate program.
5. One scholarship per person.
6. Must be a professing Christian as found in Romans 10:9 'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'
7. Must be a regular attendee at a local church.

Application process:

Your completed application with supporting documents must be submitted either by:

Online: Google Document
Upload filled-in Word document or pdf
Share document with enlightenmh@gmail.com

Email: enlightenmh@gmail.com with "Scholarship" in your subject line
(preferred method)

Mail: Enlighten Mental Health Ministry
c/o Chinese Christian Church of Thousand Oaks
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APPLICATION FORM

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Please type or print legibly all information:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State/Zip:		
Home Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()		
Email Address:			
Name of Church:			
Ethnicity (check as many as apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

APPLICANT STATUS:

Name of southern California university or college currently enrolled in:
Name of program (check one):
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters of Social Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Psy.D. or Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Overall GPA:



TESTIMONY OF FAITH:

Give a 500-word or less testimony of how you became a born-again Christian.

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL AT OUR ANNUAL ENLIGHTEN SEMINAR:

Prepare a proposal for a workshop to be presented at the October 2022 Enlighten Seminar. The workshop can be on any subject of mental health that the applicant thinks the seminar participants would be interested in attending. The workshop must be practical. See the website for ideas of past workshops from 2018 to 2021 (<https://enlightenmentalhealth.org/events-2/> and <https://enlightenmentalhealth.org/2020-webinar/>). The proposal should include a 500-word or less description of the workshop topic or theme and objectives. The applicant is required to present the workshop at the October 2022 Enlighten Webinar in order to receive the scholarship.

Audience: Individuals and families affected by mental illness, churches and their leaders, and anyone who has a heart to walk with others from mental illness towards mental health. They will include people from different ethnicities.

PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY:

A 500-word or less essay of the reasons for entering psychology and how their ethnicity has affected their view of this field.

PAST EXPERIENCES:

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

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher or faculty member of your school and one from your pastor or Christian leader under whom you have served alongside. Letter should be on official school or organization letterhead. Please have the writer include the student's first and last name.

Letters of recommendation should highlight the following:

1. Relationship with the applicant
2. Applicant's personal and professional strengths
3. Applicant's community involvement
4. Applicant's potential to contribute to the field of psychology



INTERVIEWS:

The top scholarship applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, where the applicant will also be asked about their workshop proposal.

Letters are to be submitted directly by writers to Enlighten Mental Health Ministry either by:

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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:** _____

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1. Email: enlightenmh@gmail.com
2. Call (805) 322-0491