



**HSIAO SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
&  
RED POCKETS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Information & Application  
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## **PURPOSE OF JENNIE AND FRED HSIAO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

By establishing this endowed fund, the donors, Jennie and Fred Hsiao, wish to provide an opportunity for University of Minnesota students to incorporate an educational experience in Mainland China as part of their academic studies, not to exclude approved internships or professional training. The scholarship shall be used for the payment, partially or totally, of travel, tuition, or personal expenses. Awards are typically between \$200 and \$500.

## **ABOUT THE RED POCKETS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Red Pockets Scholarship was created in 2004 as the result of generous donations to the China Center's annual fund drive in honor of its 25th anniversary. The scholarship provides opportunities for University of Minnesota students to incorporate educational or research experience in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macau as part of their academic studies, internships, research, or professional training. The scholarship shall be used for the payment, partially or totally, of travel or tuition. Awards are between \$250 and \$1,500.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at the University of Minnesota
- Applicant must be in good academic standing, with a GPA of at least 3.00 (undergraduate student) or 3.5 (graduate student), with potential in their field
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete the application packet including:

1. Scholarship application form
2. Faculty letter of recommendation (for graduate students, cannot be faculty adviser)
3. Current official transcript
4. Personal statement of purpose (undergraduate student) or research proposal (graduate student)  
Note: this is separate from questions answered on application form.
5. Statement of support for research proposal from academic/faculty adviser (graduate student only)

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Applicants should have a well-defined objective involving their program in Mainland China
- Strong record of academic achievement
- Strong motivation and potential for independent accomplishment in his/her chosen field

All applications are reviewed by a committee and scholarship recipients are notified of scholarship awards by mail approximately three weeks after the application deadline.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- December 11, 2009 - for expected study or research in the spring semester of 2010
- March 26, 2010 - for expected study in the May session and summer session of 2010
- July 30, 2010 - for expected study in the fall semester and winter break of 2010 and academic year of 2010-

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*Please type or print*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

University I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address (where information should be sent) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address and phone (or mark 'same as above') \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Status:  Undergraduate  Graduate

What year are you (e.g., sophomore, 1st year of M.A. program)? \_\_\_\_\_

Major/field of study \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLYING FOR**  Hsiao Scholarship Fund (Mainland China only)  Red Pockets Scholarship Fund

**CHINA STUDY OR RESEARCH PLANS**

Title of proposed study or research program in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or Macau \_\_\_\_\_

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At (university or institution) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Program Cost \_\_\_\_\_

**University-issued international insurance—Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI)—has been purchased.**

Yes  No

Expected period of study or research in China (check all that apply):

- Spring Semester 2010
- May Session 2010
- Summer Session 2010
- Fall Semester 2010
- Winter Break 2010
- Academic Year 2010-11

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**December 11, 2009** for spring semester 2010

**March 26, 2010** for May session & summer session 2010

**July 30, 2010** for fall semester & winter break 2010, and  
academic year 2010-11

You are required to see a Learning Abroad Center adviser.

Date of appointment \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or been awarded additional funding?  Applied For  Awarded  No

If yes, for what amount and from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ University Student I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT ESSAYS**

*(1-2 paragraphs each)*

*Please attach a separate sheet of paper to answer the following questions.*

1. Tell about an international or multicultural experience(s) you have had and explain how it has helped prepare you for your immersion into Chinese Culture. You may also elaborate on additional steps you have taken to prepare for your experience (i.e., language preparation, pertinent books you have read).
2. Please state your academic goals for your time in China. In addition to your academic goals, what other activities or experiences do you hope to engage in to increase your understanding of Chinese people and culture?
3. How will your experience abroad in China help you accomplish your academic, personal, and/or career goals? What will you do after returning from your program in China to further the mission of building a bridge of understanding and exchange between the United States and China.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*(1-3 page essay)*

The review committee will use this portion of the application to gain an understanding of your interest in Chinese people, culture, and affairs through your desire to study abroad there. The content and format of this essay is up to you. We recommend writing about how your goals and aspirations during your time in China will set you apart from other candidates applying for these scholarships?

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## *Application Checklist*

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

- Scholarship application form
- Faculty recommendation
- Personal statement of purpose
- Current official transcript

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

- Scholarship application form
- Statement of support from academic/faculty adviser
- Faculty recommendation  
(from faculty member other than academic adviser)
- Research plan or study proposal
- Current official transcript

*Materials must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date.  
They may be mailed or personally delivered to:*

**China Center  
150 University International Center  
331 - 17th Avenue South East  
Minneapolis, MN 55414**

*The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.*