

# **Arizona Asian American Bar Association 2024 Thomas Tang Law Scholarship**

**Funded by the Arizona Asian American Bar Association and  
the Tang Family Scholarship Fund**

## **Purpose:**

The Arizona Asian American Bar Association (“AAABA”) is pleased to announce the Thomas Tang Law Scholarship. This scholarship is named after the late Judge Thomas Tang, who served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was a leading pioneer of diversity and inclusion within the legal profession. We continue to honor his outstanding achievements and memory to this day with this scholarship.

This scholarship was originally created and endowed in a joint effort by AAABA and local businesses to address the noticeable lack of prominent leaders of Asian ancestry despite the growing Asian-American and minority population.

The AAABA Scholarship is augmented by the Tang Family Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2021 with the passing of Judge Thomas Tang’s wife, Dr. Pearl Tang. Dr. Pearl Tang was a pioneering Arizona physician and advocate for women’s health. Both Judge Tang and Dr. Tang were devoted to their family, professions, and the people of Arizona. They were leaders in the Asian American community and helped establish the Arizona Asian-American Law Scholarship fund alongside the Arizona Asian-American Bar Association.

It is the scholarship committee’s goal to encourage and mentor bright, charismatic, and ambitious law students and assist them in becoming community leaders in the field of law, business, or politics.

## **Scholarship Awards:**

Multiple scholarships may be awarded. Past scholarships have ranged from \$1,000-\$4000, as determined by the selection committee. Winners may use the awards for university-related charges.

## **Eligibility and Rules:**

The applicant must be a current student pursuing a Juris Doctor degree and enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school in Arizona. The applicant should anticipate being enrolled in classes after May 2024 as the scholarship is provided directly to the university up to the cost of attendance (tuition, fees, housing, meals, books, etc.). Students graduating in May 2024 are not eligible. Students of all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to apply. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible, but previous applicants who did not receive awards are eligible. For eligibility questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee Director.

The reviewing committee may consider, among other things, each applicant's academic performance, character, leadership skills, involvement with the minority community and diversity initiatives, commitment to becoming involved in AAABA and/or supporting AAABA's mission, and intention to practice in Arizona.

**Deadline: March 8, 2024** by email to Briana Chua, at [Briana@azilg.com](mailto:Briana@azilg.com).

Please direct questions to Briana Chua, Scholarship Committee Director, at [Briana@azilg.com](mailto:Briana@azilg.com).

## The Thomas Tang Law Scholarship Application – 2024

**Name:**

**Law School:**

**Anticipated Graduation Month/Year:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**E-mail Address:**

**Have you previously applied for the Thomas Tang Scholarship? Yes/No**  
**If you have previously applied, please state which year(s) you have applied:**

**Please enclose the following documents with your application (incomplete application packets will be rejected):**

1. A copy of your resume with your law school GPA and class rank;
2. An unofficial copy of your law school transcripts; and
3. A 1-3-page statement providing an example or examples of ways in which you have contributed or plan to contribute to diversity and inclusion initiatives within the Arizona business, legal, or political communities.

**Please e-mail these materials to:**

Briana Chua

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Subject: AAABA Scholarship – Applicant Name

**DEADLINE:**  
**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 AT 11:59 P.M. ARIZONA TIME**