The Kikuchi Research Scholarship

The Kikuchi Scholarship is awarded annually. Every year one scholarship of $5,000 is available for application. Student honored to receive this award will have first-year tuition reduced by that amount.

This scholarship was established by The Kikuchi College Research Fund which has provided support to the College of Optometry for over ten years. The scholarships are awarded to Asian Pacific students whose past performance indicates high academic achievement and distinction, who are likely to develop into field leaders, and who need it. Applicants and current students pursuing the MS in Vision Science degree at Pacific University College of Optometry and residing in Asian Pacific region are eligible for this award. The awarding priority of this scholarship goes to eligible students from Kikuchi College.

To be considered, applicants must submit application for the Kikuchi scholarship as attachment to their application for the MSVS program by the announced application deadline. Recipients are determined by the Kikuchi College of Optometry Scholarship committee.

Applying for a Kikuchi Research Scholarship:
- A written statement (limit of 2 pages) with the heading: “Why I am a Good Candidate to Receive the Kikuchi Scholarship”. This letter should be included with and placed at the end of the MS program application.
- Include in the letter, the name of a faculty member who will send us a letter of recommendation for this scholarship.
- It is your responsibility to request the faculty member to write the letter directly to us.
- The faculty letter must include the statement in italics above. The faculty member is requested to confidentially evaluate your application in comparison to those statements.

Eligibility Criteria:
Special criteria:
- Graduates or students of Kikuchi College

Other qualification:
- Graduate level: Incoming or current graduate students in Pacific University College of Optometry MS in Vision Science Program in the upcoming academic year
- Ethnic heritage: Applicant must from the region of Asian Pacific
  - Eastern Asia: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, North Korea, South Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan
  - Southeast Asia
  - North Asia
- Residency: citizens of Asian Pacific countries
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Financial need

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