



## “Give A Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship Description

### **Title:** “Give A Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship

With generous contributions from the alumnae of Class 1979-3, this year's Give A Hand (The Scholarship) is dedicated to honor Ms. Wang JiaLian. Ms. Wang was Homeroom and Math teacher for Class of 1979-3. During the two years there, the students from the class were showered by Ms. Wang's care and dedication. She was instrumental in helping the students grow and excel in their formative years. Her dedication left a lifelong impact on the class of 1979-3. Ms. Wang received a bachelor degree in Mathematics from Fudan in 60's and spent her entire career at FuZhong. It is our deepest sadness that Ms. Wang suffered from lung cancer and passed away in 2005. The Foundation is privileged to jointly sponsor this scholarship with Class 1979-3 in honor of Ms. Wang JiaLian.

### **Description and Qualification**

The scholarship is awarded by the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation (the “Overseas Foundation”), with generous help from High School Affiliated to Fudan University Education Development Foundation (“HSFDEDF”)

The Scholarship is intended to provide financial aid to disadvantaged students who are in a trying financial situation due to various reasons including but not limited to low family income, family illness, and etc. Through the Scholarship, the committee would like to connect domestic and overseas Fuzhong alumni to continue the legacy of helping one another in building a strong alumni community.

### **Amount**

RMB 5,000 per person per year in two equal installments<sup>1</sup>

### **Scholarship Committee** (the Committee):

The Scholarship Committee consists of two parties:

- 1) Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation, and
- 2) Representatives from Fudan Fuzhong Class of 1979-3

### **Eligibility**

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<sup>1</sup> The first installment of RMB 2,500 will be awarded at the end of this application process to cover the fall semester. The second installment of RMB 2,500 will be awarded at the beginning of the spring semester upon review. The Committee reserves the rights to withhold or cancel the second installment in extraordinary situations including but not limited to significant improvement of recipient's family financial status.



All current full time students with good standings at Fudan Fuzhong, who are experiencing financial difficulties and would need help in accomplishing the degree program.

### **Application Deadline**

Applicants must submit the application form (see attached) by September 19, 2008 to [awards@fdfzalumni.org](mailto:awards@fdfzalumni.org)

### **Selection Process**

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications including questionnaire and essays. The Committee reserves the right to verify candidate eligibility by accessing financial records maintained by the School, as well as through fact checking and due diligences with references if needed.

Eight applicants will be chosen to receive the award on or around October 1, 2008, and will be notified in person via email and letter. Students will receive the scholarship no later than October 30, 2008.

### **Q & A:**

#### **Q1: Who is eligible for applying for the Scholarship?**

All full time students from Year 1 and 2 with good standings at Fudan Fuzhong, who are experiencing financial difficulties and would need help in accomplishing the degree program.

#### **Q2: Will the Committee conduct its own verification of financial situations?**

Although the Scholarship Committee relies on HSFDEDF's resources to perform first round screening, the Committee reserves the right to conduct fact checks / due diligences if further verification is needed.

#### **Q3: Will you share my personal information with School and others?**

Unless we need to verify certain facts with the School for the purpose of this scholarship, we will not share any information with those who are not relevant to the evaluation of your application. We respect your privacy; it will be strictly guarded by the Scholarship Committee. A synopsis of your general situation will be shared with donors to provide an overview of fund usage. The Committee strives to act sensitively to disclose information as general as possible to protect your privacy. You may choose to share your personal life and story with your designated sponsor(s) in the future. However, it is your entire discretion to do so.

#### **Q4: Does my essay have to be approved by my teacher?**



No, it doesn't. Your submission will be directly made to the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation ([awards@dfzalumni.org](mailto:awards@dfzalumni.org)) with your personal pledge of accuracy. As stated above, the Committee reserves the right to fact check with your references.

**Q5: How does the selection process work?**

The Scholarship Committee will collect and aggregate all applications by September 28, 2008. The members of the committee will independently review all the applications and make their respective nominations of five candidates to the committee. A round of voting will then take place to narrow down the number of final nominees to no more than five (5). If necessary, another round of discussion will ensue followed by yes-or-no voting on each nominee. Each committee member can cast no more than five (5) yes-votes in that round. The five (5) nominees with the highest number of votes will be given the *Give a Hand Wang Jialian* scholarship. If there is a tie or a vote-concentration on fewer than 5 nominees, the committee reserves the right to break the tie or to reduce the number of awardees to no fewer than four (4) through a final round of discussion and consensus voting.

**Q6: If I submit the application but do not receive the award, will that negatively impact my chance for other need-based scholarships at Fuzhong and/or my future chance of winning awards from the Overseas Foundation?**

No, absolutely not. The decision on your application is made solely for the purpose of this award, this time around. It has no implication on your qualification in any other academic or social setting, nor will it affect, positively or negatively, your future applications for the *Give A Hand Wang Jialian* scholarship. In fact, we will keep all comments made during the decision process confidential -- no one outside of the current executive committee will have access to the record.

**Q7: What will be the required format of the essay?**

The essay should be composed in *Chinese*, typed and submitted electronically as an email attachment in either MS Word (.doc) or PDF (.pdf) format. See the attachment for details. We encourage you to express your true feeling and thoughts through essays as it is often difficult to discern financial and circumstantial difficulties from factual numbers from questionnaire. Please know shorter essays will *not* negatively impact your candidacy as long as they convey all the main points described in the application.

**Q8: Is this scholarship recurring?**

Yes, as long as it is financially viable, the Committee intends to make the Scholarship a yearly event.



**Q9: What is your relation with the school?**

Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation is founded in the United States by a group of Fuzhong alumni. It is a not-for-profit charitable organization registered in the State of Connecticut with a US 501(c)(3) tax-exemption status.

HSFDEDF is a domestic foundation set up by the School and administered by retired school officials who have close ties with alumni across several decades. The two foundations maintain close working relationship with the School and with each other. They both enjoy full support from the School.

Class of 1979-3 is a group of alumni who studied at Fudan Fuzhong when Ms. Wang Jialian was their class teacher. They have pledged resources for the establishment and continued funding of the Scholarship. Members of the class have worked with both the Overseas Foundation and HSFDEDF in the past.

**Q10: Can I apply for the HSFDEDF need-based scholarship at the same time ?**

Yes. But eventually you will only be approved for one of the two scholarships between *Give A Hand Wang Jialian* scholarship and the scholarship awarded by HSFDEDF.

**Q11: What is the currency of the cash award?**

The cash award will be awarded in two equal installments of RMB 2,500 each.

**Q12: What other scholarship are you giving out? Can I apply for other scholarship sponsored by HSFDEDF or the Overseas Foundation?**

The Overseas Foundation also sponsored a “Social Contribution Award” to recognized students who demonstrated sensitivity in identifying unmet needs in a community, taken significant initiative in mobilizing resources and in designing solutions, and made meaningful steps towards the betterment of the community. In addition, the Overseas Foundation is in the process of creating other scholarships. You are encouraged to apply for each of them when available.

HSFDEDF sponsors need-based financial aid to a larger group of students at RMB 4000 per year. You are encouraged to apply for that concurrently if you have not already.

**Q13: Where is the scholarship money from? Is the scholarship based on the will of a single donor?**

The scholarship is drawn from a pool of specific purpose funds raised over the years by the Class of 1979-3 and the Overseas Foundation from the entire alumni body of Fudan Fuzhong as well as from the society at large. Although donors cannot designate specific individuals as beneficiary, the Scholarship Committee



will, however, assign individual donors to individual award recipients based on bilateral interests through the “buddy program”.

**Q14: If I have questions not answered by the Q & A, how can I get it clarified?**

You can either check back on the awards section of the Overseas Foundation website [www.fdfzalumni.org/needbasedscholarship.htm](http://www.fdfzalumni.org/needbasedscholarship.htm), or to check HSFDEDF’s website <http://www.fdfzxy.org/fund/index.php>, or you can email us at [awards@fdfzalumni.org](mailto:awards@fdfzalumni.org) to expect a response within 48 hours.



**“ Give A Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship Application**

The application consists of three sections: Application Info Form, Questionnaire and Essays. Please email the application to [awards@fdfzalumni.org](mailto:awards@fdfzalumni.org) by September 19, 2008.

**Section I – Application Info Form**

Applicant’s Name (Chinese)		(Pinyin)	
Mailing Address			
Telephone		Email	
Current Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior I <input type="checkbox"/> Senior II		

**Section II – Questionnaire**

1. What was your family<sup>2</sup> income in 2007 and 2008 respectively?
  - a. 2007
  - b. 2008 (*annualize*)
2. How many family members does your family have?
3. How many family members are income earners? How much do they earn?
  - a. Father
  - b. Mother
  - c. Siblings
  - d. Relatives (relation to you and amount earned)
4. Does your family receive any other forms of institutional financial aid?
5. As of today, what is the net worth of your family? Net worth includes current value of savings, investment (not including the home you live in) minus debt.
6. How much is your estimated *annual* school expenses? Please itemize.
  - a. Tuition
  - b. Room and board
  - c. Clothing
  - d. School supplies
  - e. Other (please list items)

<sup>2</sup> defined as the immediate family living in the same household.



### Section III – Essays

We would like to know you better by asking you to respond to the following questions. Please know shorter answers will not positively or negatively impact the result of your application as long as your answers convey your thoughts and ideas to the questions. We do ask your answers to limit to the maximum words specified to each question. Thank you.

1) Describe your and your family's financial and circumstantial situation and tell us how the scholarship can help overcome the difficulties. **If you received Give A Hand Scholarship last year, please tell us how the Scholarship has helped in the last academic year.** (no more than 800 words)

2a) *Optional:* The funding of “Give A Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship has been raised by many Fuzhong alumni. They donate their time and money for the love of their *alma mata* and the deep interest in helping fellow Fuzhong students. How can you personally contribute to join their cause? For instance, it is suggested you (if selected) write thank-you letters to your designated donor(s) letting them know your life and academic progress. Others suggest you get involved if Foundation needs assistance at Shanghai in various fund-raising activities. Please let us know how you can personally make impact to help the Foundation to continue and expand the effort of fund-raising. (no more than 500 words)

3) *Optional:* The Foundation is in a great need of suggestions as to how they can continue the cause to raise more money in the years to come. Can you come up with a few ideas to help the foundation to attract more funding from alumni and society to join this cause? (no more than 500 words)