

DR. ERIC CHIANG ACHIEVE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDIES IN ECONOMICS THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FLORIDA CHAPTER)

Dr. Eric Chiang is the author of a widely used economics textbook titled “Economics: Principles for a Changing World” that is currently in use in over 100 universities. He has taught economics courses for over 25 years, helping students to appreciate the connection between economics and our everyday lives. From 2005 to 2007, Dr. Chiang served as a visiting faculty member at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine campus, where he taught masters-level courses in the economics of telecommunications networks. Additionally, he has supervised four UWI masters theses and served on the committees of two UWI DBA theses. Currently, Dr. Chiang is a Professor-in-Residence at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he completed his undergraduate studies in economics in 1996. His current research focuses on the challenges facing first-generation students in higher education.

Beneficiaries of this Scholarship:

This scholarship not only provides financial assistance but also affirms our commitment to academic excellence, professional development, and the advancement of economic analysis in the Caribbean and beyond. The scholarship will benefit a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in economics, data science, finance, or a closely related field.

Objectives of the Scholarship

- **To Encourage Academic Excellence** by supporting high-achieving students in the fields of economics, data science, finance, and related disciplines, fostering a culture of academic rigor and continuous learning.
- **To Develop Future Technology Leaders** and to cultivate a pipeline of skilled professionals who can lead and innovate in the evolving digital economy, both regionally and globally.
- **To Strengthen International Economic Relations in the Caribbean** by empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue economic analysis, addressing key macroeconomic issues facing the region today.
- **To help Bridge the Financial Gaps in Higher Education** through the provision of financial assistance to talented students who may otherwise be unable to pursue or complete their studies due to economic constraints.
- **To Promote Diversity and Inclusion in Economics and Business Fields** through the encouragement of participation from underrepresented or underserved groups, contributing to a more inclusive and equitable technology sector.
- **To Contribute to National and Regional Development** by aligning student development with the broader goals of Caribbean economic growth, digital transformation, and technological self-sufficiency.

Application Deadline: August 15

Number of Awards: One (1)

Value of the Award: US\$750

Tenure:

- One (1) year with renewal for up to 2 years.
- Renewal is not automatic, and the scholarship holder is expected to reapply.

Eligibility:

This scholarship is “needs-based” with specific academic and other requirements as outlined below.

- Full-time matriculated student at the University of the West Indies (UWI)
- Caribbean citizenship and residency
- Pursuing an undergraduate degree in economics, data science, finance, or another closely related field at any campus of The University of the West Indies.
- Rank: 2nd year or higher
- GPA Criteria (≥ 3.0)
- Record of community service related to education.

Application Process:

- Application opens June 1 and closes August 15
- Application Form is available on website: www.uwiaafl.org
- Submission:

By email to uwiaafl@gmail.com

Or

Send by regular mail to

The Scholarship Committee

The University of the West Indies Alumni Association

P.O. Box 970313

Coconut Creek, Florida 33097.

Note: Applications received whether by email or via postal service after the August 15 will not be considered.

The application package must include:

- An essay outlining the applicant’s educational and professional goals and how this scholarship will help to achieve the applicant’s career and professional goals.
- Two (2) current letters of recommendation (one character and the other, academic).
- A certified UWI transcript that indicates the student is in good standing.
- Certified copy of birth certificate.
- Picture (Head shot) of applicant.

Method of Selection:

- Committee of UWIAA Florida Chapter members

Payment to awardee:

- Funds will be disbursed to the successful applicant through the university controller/financial aid office.
- After notification of scholarship, the successful applicant will submit their school identification number to the Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association.

NOTE

- *The award may not be held jointly with any other UWI Florida Alumni Scholarship.*
- *The award may not be held jointly with any other scholarship or bursary where together the value exceeds the cost of tuition.*