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APPLICATION FOR THE 2026

TROOPER CHONG SOO LIM SCHOLARSHIP

COMMUNITY MEMBER VERSION

The **Asian American Law Enforcement Association (AALEA)** accepts applications for the **Trooper Chong Soo Lim Scholarship** from eligible community members. The scholarship honors **Trooper Lim's** service and sacrifice while supporting the educational goals of the next generation.

Selected recipients will be recognized at the 43rd AALEA Annual Awards Dinner

Saturday, November 14, 2026 • 6:30 p.m. • New Furama Restaurant • 2828 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago, IL 60616

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name		**Applicant Phone**	
Applicant Email		**Grade Point Average**	
Student Status		**Graduation Year**	
College / University			
Extracurricular Activities			
Community Service / Activities			

CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

I certify that the information provided in this scholarship application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that AALEA may verify submitted information and that materially false or misleading information may result in disqualification or revocation of a scholarship award.

Applicant Signature: **Date:**

AALEA Member / Parent / Guardian Signature (if applicable):

2026 TROOPER CHONG SOO LIM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

HONORING SERVICE, SACRIFICE & THE NEXT GENERATION

Trooper Chong Soo Lim

Illinois State Police

AALEA Member

End of Watch: Monday, June 5, 1995

Badge #4348

ABOUT THE AWARD

The **Asian American Law Enforcement Association (AALEA)** is honored to present the **Trooper Chong Soo Lim Scholarship Award** in memory of **Trooper Chong Soo Lim**, an **AALEA member** and **Illinois State Police trooper**. Born in South Korea, **Trooper Lim** served in District 3 in Chicago after graduating from the Illinois State Police Academy and later transferred to the midnight shift in District 15, Oak Brook. On June 5, 1995, **Trooper Lim** was killed in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop on I-90 near Hoffman Estates. His patrol vehicle was struck from behind, causing a collision and fire. **Trooper Lim** was the first Asian officer killed in the line of duty in Illinois. This **$500 scholarship**, awarded to four qualified recipients - two from the community and two from families of current active AALEA members - was established in remembrance of his service, sacrifice, and dedication.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The applicant must be of Asian descent.
- Submit a minimum 300-word essay on “How to improve relationships between members of the community and law enforcement agencies.”
- Be a high school junior or senior applying to an accredited college or university or be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a U.S.-accredited college or university.
- Maintain a “B” average (3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale) or higher.
- Submit a short biography and a current color photograph.
- Submit a college acceptance letter (if applicable) and the most recent report card or transcript.
- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. Minimum 300-word essay, most recent report card or transcript, short biography, and current color photograph.
3. College acceptance letter, if applicable.
4. Email the complete application package in PDF format to aalea@aalea.org, or mail it to AALEA, P.O. Box 56652, Chicago, IL 60656-0652, by the deadline above.

AWARD PRESENTATION & ATTENDANCE

Selected recipients must be present at the 43rd AALEA Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at New Furama Restaurant, 2828 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago, IL 60616, to receive the scholarship. Each recipient will receive one complimentary dinner ticket and up to two additional complimentary tickets for their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

CONFIDENTIALITY & SCHOLARSHIP USE NOTICE

All information provided in this application will be kept confidential and used only for official AALEA scholarship-selection purposes. All submitted materials become part of AALEA’s official records. Under IRS Publication 970, qualified scholarship funds may be used for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance, and for required books, supplies, and equipment.