

## WONG - SAYAMAN EQUALITY AWARD CRITERIA

The *Wong – Sayaman Equality Award* is offered through the Queer Studies Program at California State University, Northridge. Ronora W. Sayaman is a CSUN alumnus working in the private sector, who wishes to provide support to students from any academic major who are committed to a leadership role in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities.

### AMOUNT OF AWARD

This annual competitive award of \$1,000 will recognize students who have a strong academic standard and a history of participation in or leadership of organizations that promote awareness and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender persons.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student at California State University, Northridge, studying in *any* academic discipline. Students may receive this scholarship more than once, but must reapply and compete annually.

### CRITERIA

In awarding the Scholarship preference shall be given based upon the following additional donor-established criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment or involvement in organizations, programs or initiatives that promote diversity, inclusion and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender persons.
- The award is made to a student who maintains a minimum 3.0 overall GPA, demonstrates leadership, scholastic achievement and/or participation in extracurricular activities.
- The scholarship selection committee may consider financial need in their consideration.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students interested in the *Wong – Sayaman Equality Award* must submit a completed application form and both a resume and short explanation (1-2 paragraphs, no more than 500 words) of their interest and activities related to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender topics, highlighting leadership and scholastic achievement. Materials should be submitted by **April 24, 2026** to:

- QS Director, Dr. Jacob Lau, [jacob.lau@csun.edu](mailto:jacob.lau@csun.edu)

### SELECTION PROCESS

The Queer Studies Director will convene a group of 3 faculty members from across academic disciplines to review applicants for this scholarship. The recipient will be announced during the annual Rainbow Graduation hosted by the Queer Studies Program & the USU Pride Center.



## WONG - SAYAMAN EQUALITY AWARD APPLICATION FORM

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current CSUN status (select one): 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Junior Senior Graduate

Total number of college units completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

(you can type in your name if you are filling this electronically)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Along with completing this form, please attach the following as a pdf or word document:

1. A resume listing all your activities related to queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender issues.

2. In 1-2 paragraphs (no longer than 500 words) explain your interest and role in these activities and their impact on queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender communities. Highlight any leadership roles, initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, and scholastic achievements. You may include information about financial need in your explanation.

Your submission should showcase your commitment to organizations, programs or initiatives in the LGBTQIA+ community.

This award is open to all CSUN students from ***any*** major or minor.

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