

Bursary/Scholarship Recipient

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Awarded year 受助年份：**2009**

Study subject 學科：**Pharmacy**

Qualification & grad year

學歷及畢業年份

1st year Current affiliation

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Sharing Section 個人分享(2010)

My name is Wei-Kay Chan (陳慧琦). I belong to a family of six and I have two sisters and a brother, of whom I am the second eldest. I was born here in the UK but had a Chinese upbringing as both my parents are originally from Hong-Kong. As such I have been brought up with many of the values intrinsic to Chinese culture. One value that I particularly uphold is wholehearted commitment in all spheres of life: be it in academic studies, family life or community service.

As a first year Pharmacy student at King's College London, this academic year has been one of much excitement, challenge and difficulties as I adapt to university life. In recent years partly due to the economic downturn my father has been made redundant in the hi-tech industry; thankfully this bursary will help to alleviate some of the financial pressure on my family and enable me to focus on my studies.

As a Pharmacy Student, one of my primary concerns is caring for the welfare of the community. I hope that by helping and encouraging people to lead healthier lifestyles, this will enable and empower them to live life to the full and thus improve society as a whole.

I have been volunteering at the Chinese National Healthy Living Centre (CNHLC) for four months. The primary objective of this organisation is to help to improve accessibility to healthcare to the growing Chinese community in London who are often faced with language and cultural barriers. The experience has instilled in me the desire to help bridge cultural and ethnic barriers in the future by making healthcare more accessible to all people irrespective of class, ethnicity or background.

As a member of the Chinese Church in London, I really appreciate the importance of being part of a Chinese community. My role as a teaching assistant in the Church Toddler's group means I am able to serve the Chinese community on a regular basis, a privilege I really treasure.

Having volunteered at the charity organisation St Luke's Hospice for two years, I was able to witness the life-changing work done by all the dedicated staff in caring for the terminally ill, and it was wonderful to be able to be part of this noble cause.

The recent tragic events in Haiti have been a powerful reminder to me of how fleeting life is. This has fuelled my appreciation for the need to make most of every opportunity in order to help transform people's lives by providing quality healthcare. The Wing Yip and Brothers Bursaries has been an inspiration to me in this respect, in continuing to award generous bursaries to those students in financial need, thus setting a good example in our Chinese community and beyond. Perhaps after graduation I will be able to work in a care home or hospice, where I can strive to make a difference in people's lives.