

Introducing **The Ching Tien Foundation for Women**

Empowering young women from Asia to become changemakers for the future.

*The future of humanity depends on improving the status of women.
The world needs more women leaders.*

The Ching Tien Foundation for Women identifies and develops the next generation of female leaders by providing promising young women from Asia with scholarships opportunities to pursue graduate studies and professional training in a global setting. Our programs are designed for scholarship recipients to develop the mindset, confidence and leadership skills to give back and become changemakers for tomorrow.

In recent decades, Asian economies have become increasingly dynamic, but gender inequality remains deeply entrenched in Asian culture and impedes the development of women leaders. In particular, women from underprivileged communities lack access to the higher education and global exposure that can transform them into leaders and role models.

The Ching Tien Foundation for Women builds on the legacy of *Educating Girl of Rural China (EGRC)*. EGRC was a grassroots Canadian charity that operated in rural Western China for 18 years. From 2005 to 2023, EGRC supported over 2,000 young rural Chinese women with financial sponsorship and emotional support to complete high school and university education, achieving a graduation rate of over 99%.

In addition to supporting women from China, the *Ching Tien Foundation* supports women from other Asian countries. Scholarships recipients undertake social impact projects, receive mentorship and soft skills training, and are encouraged to envision plans to give back to their communities. Our programs require scholarship recipients to seek out hands-on experience in the areas of leadership, social impact and cross-cultural communications.

Ching Tien, the founder of EGRC and the Ching Tien Foundation for Women, is a social entrepreneur and globally recognized advocate for empowering women through education. She grew up in China during a politically tumultuous time and did not have the opportunity to complete her education. After moving to Canada and witnessing her own children grow up with opportunities she never had, Ching became passionate about creating educational opportunities for young women. Her belief is that educated women have educated children, and educating women is the fundamental way to target global challenges and build better societies for all.

Programs

The Ching Tien Foundation for Women Offers the Following Programs:

Masters' Scholarships – Up to CAD 30,000

Scholarship to complete a two-year Masters' program at an academic institution outside of Asia. Recipients are matched with mentors, academic advisors and receive soft skills and leadership training. Scholarship recipients commit to giving back through community engagement, and volunteering. All graduates undertake a capstone "Pay It Forward" project, marking their first step towards making a positive impact in their communities and in the world.

This program was established in 2022. To date, two masters' scholarships have been awarded to outstanding young women in 2022 and 2023.

Professional or Vocational Training Scholarship – Up to CAD 30,000

Scholarship to complete a one-two year professional training certification at an academic institution in Canada. Recipients are matched with mentors and receive soft skills and leadership training.

This program is in the process of being developed.

Summer Language and Leadership Course Grant – up to CAD 6,000

Summer language and leadership learning program for university-age young women at Canadian partner universities to gain global perspectives and build relevant skills for personal and professional advancement.

This program commenced in summer 2023. One young woman was awarded the grant and completed the program.

Annual Forum and Quarterly Workshops

Annual online and in-person forums and workshops to benefit a larger number of young women globally. These events will focus on young women's personal developments, leadership skill building and making impact on the lives of others. Launch date slated for June 2024.

Donor-Named Scholarships – from CAD 30,000

Corporations and individuals who donate funds of \$30,000 or more have the opportunity to name a scholarship. Scholarship recipients are recruited and assessed by the Ching Tien Foundation.

The donor will have the opportunity to communicate with the scholarship recipient and receive regular updates from the Foundation.