

2009-2010 April Allen Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to students within their first year of being admitted into one of the Actuarial Sciences programs who demonstrate excellence in academic performance and exhibit potential for success in the actuarial science field. Preference is given to students who have personally been affected by cancer and/or have demonstrated leadership and/or service to an organization involved in cancer research and care. It was established by D.A. Townley & Associates to honor the spirit of April Allen.

Chong Wang

My name is Chong Wang. I am very glad to be admitted into the Actuarial Science program, and now endeavour to be an excellent actuary. I started my new academic career at SFU last semester after transferring from China, this was my first time studying an ACMA course. Although being new to this academic environment, I really find that I fall in love with this challenging subject and finally I've achieved a good grade in the course of ACMA 210. I am willing to devote my passion to it and try to understand everything clearly. In addition to my strong interest in the subject, something happened that spurred me to make an extra effort.

At the beginning of last term, my loving uncle passed away from cancer, he is my second relative that suffered this disease. A couple of years ago, my grandfather died of liver cancer. During their treatment, I felt the effect of cancer on the patient. The proliferation of cancer cell worsens the body, and the chemotherapy hardly saves the patient compared with the speed of labefaction. Furthermore, the expense of the treatment becomes a burden to the whole family, who in turn really need a life insurance policy to provide help.

Because of my experience, I became interested in activities for people battling cancer. In 2008, I was honoured to be selected as a volunteer for the World Economic Forum. One of my major responsibilities was to assist Jet Li, one of the most famous Chinese actors and the founder of One Foundation, to raise funds and spread awareness about the foundation. The aim of One Foundation is to help people who suffer from cancer and orphans with AIDS. During that period, I found it meaningful to raise funds from the public and help these people trapped into difficulty and in emergency. This is also the purpose of insurance and pension.

Now, I am an Actuarial Science student and can start pursuing my dream. I hope that I can become an excellent actuary in the future, and contribute to this important science.