The Yinghsia Shih Li Memorial Scholarship was established by Raymond Li in honor of his wife who rose to success from humble beginnings and challenging hardships through hard work and dedication. Mrs. Li was born in China just prior to World War 2 and lived through extremely difficult times during the conflict and its aftermath. Through persistence and a desire to succeed in the field of science, Mrs. Li earned her undergraduate degree in physics in Taiwan. Seeking to further her education, she sought out graduate programs in physics in the United States. With very limited financial support and being away from home, Mrs. Li attended college in the U.S. to earn her master’s degree in Physics in 1963 and eventually a Doctorate in Physics in 1970.

Mrs. Li embodied a relentless drive to succeed in an area of science despite financial hardships and limited opportunities. She was able to overcome multiple setbacks throughout her life and was able to achieve her educational goals through her determination and interest in science. The scholarship will benefit female students who are financially disadvantaged and demonstrate a strong desire to study in the field of science, technology, engineering, or math.