



APAPA

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association Community Education Foundation (APAPA-CEF)

Non-profit organization 501(C)-3 Tax ID No. 55-0849384

Empowerment of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: February 11, 2015

Program Goals

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Community Education Foundation (APAPA CEF) supports and advances the awareness of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) issues through education and outreach. The Foundation will award a number of scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to selected students who will be attending college during the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarships given are based on the availability of funds. The scholarship awards will be paid on the student's behalf to the institution of higher learning where the student will be enrolled. Scholarship funds will not be paid directly to the student. **Previous recipients are not eligible.**

APAPA-CEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability. In support of APAPA's mission and goals, APAPA encourages applications from students who have Asian or Pacific Islanders ancestry.

Applicant Eligibility

All student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ The student applicant must be a resident of California;
- ❖ The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- ❖ The applicant must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university;
- ❖ The applicant must possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75;
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application from separate individuals, neither of whom are related to the applicant, and;
- ❖ The applicant must demonstrate commitment to the API community in a written personal statement.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

APAPA CEF's Scholarship Selection Committee will make awards based on the recipient's demonstrated commitment to the API community, abilities, academic achievements, career goals, civic activities, and leadership skills. All applicants will be notified by mail of the status of their application by **March 16, 2015** regardless of outcome.



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❖ **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name: _____
Last First Middle initial

Gender: Female Male Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Place of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Driver's license (State, #) _____

Citizenship status: U.S. citizen Permanent resident
Some agencies require U.S. citizenship.

Current Address: _____
Street City State/ZIP

Current Phone: () _____ Effective until: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Alternate contact # () _____
(i.e. cell phone, voice mail, pager, work, etc.)

Personal E-mail address: (not college email address) _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State/ZIP

Permanent Phone: () _____ Fax (if available): _____

❖ **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____
Street City State/ZIP

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

❖ **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

College name: _____ Location: _____
City State

Degree seeking: _____ Major/minor: _____

Current class year: _____ Overall GPA: _____ Expected graduation date: _____



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❖ PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please provide a written statement using a font size 11 or 12 and not to exceed 2 standard letter-sized pages in total length. Put your own name on the top of each page. Please address each of the following questions in your statement:

- How have you contributed to your community in the areas of diversity, leadership and service?
- What offices and positions of leadership have you held in class and school organizations?
- What academic achievements are you proud of?
- What are your career and/or educational goals?
- How you plan to give back to the community?

❖ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two letters of recommendation that have been written within the last six (6) months. The letters must clearly refer to you by name and provide comments that describe your character and abilities. A parent or close relative will not be considered a valid reference. The date, name, occupation, signature and contact information for each author must appear on the letters.

❖ Write a short one paragraph biography to include your hometown, college, major, future career goals and service to the community.

❖ CERTIFICATIONS

- I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be considered. My ability to accurately follow instructions will be considered during the selection process.
- I understand that I will forfeit my award if I do not attend the awards banquet on Saturday, April 11, 2015. **No exceptions.**
- I certify that I am currently enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate or post graduate college student at an accredited community college, college, or university.
- I hereby authorize APAPA-CEF to utilize information on my application and any photos that I provide for publicity or public relations purposes.
- I certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I will forfeit my award if any information that I provide is found to be deliberately false, inaccurate, or misleading.

Name of applicant (please print)

Signature

Date

✓ APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make a copy of your completed application for your records. Please include all the following items:

- Original signed application form
- “Official” transcripts issued by the registrar’s office**
- Your personal statement
- Two (2) letters of recommendation dated and signed
- Portrait color photo (head shot) 2 inches square. Must be at least 300 dpi (600 pixels square). The photos will not be provided to the Scholarship Selection Committee or used as a basis for selecting the recipients. Your photo will be used strictly for publicity purposes.
- Your short auto-biography**
- Mail all materials, including your transcripts to:
**Attn: Scholarship Program
APAPA CEF
4000 Truxel Road, Suite 3
Sacramento, CA 95834**
- Deadline: Application and materials must be postmarked by February 11, 2015. An incomplete application will not be considered.**



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APAPA CEF strives to effectively promote the internship program. Please let us know how you heard about our program by checking one of the following.

- College/University
- APAPA website
- APAPA Social Media
- Press Release
- Newspaper
- Name of newspaper: _____
- Relative/Friend
- Community Organization
- Name of organization: _____
- Other: _____

Thank you for your interest in the APAPA CEF Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Lynn at lizlynn@starstream.net