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: ___________________________ ___________________________

Gender:  ☐ Female  ☐ Male  ☐ Other

Date of Birth: __/__/____  Place of Birth: __________________________

Driver’s license (State, #) __________________________

Citizenship status:  ☐ U.S. citizen  ☐ Permanent resident

Current Address: Street __________________________ City __________________________ State/ZIP __________________________

Current Phone: (___)_________ Effective until: __/__/____

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: ___________________________

Degree seeking: ___________________________ Major/minor: ___________________________

Current class year: ___________________________ Overall GPA: ___________________________

Expected graduation date: ___________________________
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.
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