



2008-2009 APIASF SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an APIASF scholarship, you must:

- Be Asian and/or Pacific Islander American as defined by the 2000 Census.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, legal permanent resident, or citizen of the Freely Associated States.
- Be enrolled as a full time student for the first time in the Fall of 2008 at a two or four year degree program at a U.S. accredited college or university in the United States, Guam, American Samoa, or the Freely Associated States.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or the GED equivalent.
- Have completed all required forms (Student and Recommendation) by the deadline.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Student Application: Each student must complete the student application. Students should proofread their application and work with their recommender or another individual before submitting the application. **Students are strongly encouraged to apply on-line (www.apiasf.org/apply/).**

Recommendation Form: This form must be completed by a teacher, advisor, community leader, or employer. It may not be completed by a relative. APIASF will only accept one Recommendation Form (www.apiasf.org/recommend) per application.

Applicants should explain to their Recommender the APIASF scholarship program and your reasons for applying. Allow the Recommender at least two weeks to complete the recommendation.

Online Application (Preferred Method):

We strongly encourage all applicants to complete the application on-line at www.apiasf.org/apply/. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. This form must be submitted online on or before January 22, 2008 11:59 p.m. Samoa Standard Time to be considered.

How to apply by mail:

To apply by mail, request an application and Recommendation Form at info@apiasf.org. Illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Do not include extra pages or material such as resumes, certificates, or newspaper clippings. They will not be considered nor returned to you. All forms must be mailed to:

APIASF Scholarship Application
1900 L St. NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20036

If you have any questions regarding the application, you can call APIASF at 1-877-808-7032, 1-202-986-6892 or email info@apiasf.org.

DEADLINE INFORMATION

All applications may be submitted online by January 22, 2008, 11:59 p.m. Samoa Standard Time. Applications sent by mail must be postmarked on or by January 22, 2008. We are unable to accept mail that requires a signature for receipt of delivery.

SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD NOTIFICATION

Eligible applicants who submit a complete application by the January 22, 2008 deadline will be considered for a scholarship. Competition is expected to be substantial. Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria by independent readers:

- Academic record and future plans
- Community service and leadership
- Financial need

APIASF will be communicating with applicants via email and mail, so make sure the information you provide is current. Once your application is submitted, you should be checking your email on a regular basis.

Second round applicants will be notified in the spring of 2008 and required to submit the following verifying information:

- Official high school transcript verifying GPA of at least a 2.7 on a 4.0 (unweighted)
- Copy of Student Aid Report (see information below)
- Additional documents requested from APIASF

If requested documents are not received by the designated deadline this will result in an incomplete application and the applicant will be disqualified. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with his/her school to ensure that all requested materials are sent to APIASF by the deadline date.

The 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on January 1 of every year. We strongly recommend that you submit your FAFSA no later than February 1, 2008. You should apply for your Personal Identification Number (PIN) as early as possible because it will expedite your FAFSA application process. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3242) or 1-319-337-5665. After completing the FAFSA, a Student Aid Report (SAR) will be mailed to you summarizing your responses and stating your Estimated Family Contribution. If you are selected for consideration in the next round for the APIASF scholarship, a copy of your SAR will be requested. **Do not submit your SAR until you are notified to do so.**

In our selection process we endeavor to have our scholarship recipients represent the broad diversity in the Asian and Pacific Islander American community. We have awarded scholarships in the past, and will in the future, to qualified students from all over the United States, U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States. If an applicant knows the field in which he or she intends to major, that interest, coupled with satisfaction of the other criteria may qualify such applicants, in certain circumstances, for industry-specific scholarships, so applicants should indicate their anticipated major, if it is known.

All selection decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. Applications and support documents become the sole property of APIASF and cannot be returned, but will be kept confidential to the extent required by the law, other than with respect to review, by employees, agents, or representatives of APIASF and any use of such information, in any media whatsoever, that does not disclose the identity of applicant, except with his or her express permission.