



Scholarship Handbook

*A guide to scholarships for Asian Americans
and Pacific Islanders*

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Essay Contests

10 Who Are 10:

Description: Marriott International's flagship hotel in Washington, the JW Marriott, annually honors ten achieving 10-year-old children from the District of Columbia Public School System with its annual 10 Who Are 10 Awards, consisting of \$2,500 scholarship grants. Students are asked to write an essay on a different topic each year. The winning essays will be selected by a distinguished committee of educators, public servants, and business executives, and the ten winners will be recognized at an Awards Luncheon.

Who is eligible: 10-year-olds in the DC Public School System

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Contact Marnie Ganeshan at (202) 626-6986 or at marnie.ganeshan@marriott.com or visit <http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/10whoare10/10wo10home.html>

Girls Going Places Essay Contest

Description: The Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual initiative designed to reward the enterprising spirits of girls ages 12 to 18. Guardian awards college scholarships to 15 girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; are taking the first steps toward financial independence; and make a difference in their school and communities. Scholarship prizes totaling \$30,000 are awarded among three top winners and 12 finalists each year. The nomination period for the Girls Going Places Scholarship Program begins September and ends February. Winners and finalists are announced in May. Scholarships are presented to each winner and finalist in her community among her peers.

Who is eligible: Girls ages 12 to 18

Deadline: February 27, 2009

For more information: http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/girls_going_places.html

Essay Contests

John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage

Description: Promoting the involvement of young people in the civic life of their country is one of President Kennedy's most important legacies and the mission of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. High school students interested in this contest are encouraged to write a compelling essay on the meaning of political courage and to learn about and be inspired by America's elected officials, past or present, who have tried to make a difference in the world. The winning essayists receive awards totaling \$6,500.

Who is eligible: High School Students (Grades 9-12)

Deadline: January 10, 2009

For more information: Visit <http://www.jfkcontest.org/> or email profiles@nara.gov

American Foreign Service Association National High School Essay Contest

Description: The American Foreign Service Association National High School Essay Contest is an opportunity for high school students to not only learn about the Foreign Service but also to voice their opinion on the role of the Foreign Service in the world today. A new essay topic that incorporates current international issues and the role of the Foreign Service in those issues is given each year. The first-place winner will receive \$2,500, and in addition, the first place winner's school or sponsoring organization will receive \$500.00 to be used for the school's library budget or the public library budget. The second-place winner will receive an award of \$1,250, and an award of \$750 will be given to the third-place winner.

Who is eligible: All students in grades nine through 12 attending a public, private, parochial school, home school or participating in a high school correspondence program in any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territories, or, if they are U.S. citizens attending schools overseas, are eligible.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Call (202) 338-4045 or visit <http://www.afsa.org/essaycontest/essaycontest1.cfm>

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Do Something Brick Award

Description: Do Something is a national not-for-profit organization that inspires young people to believe that change is possible, and trains, funds, and mobilizes them to be leaders who measurably strengthen their communities. Each year, the Do Something BRICK Award honors 12 outstanding leaders who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. Winners 18 and under are awarded a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and a \$5,000 community grant (to be directed by the award winner to the not-for-profit organization of his or her choice). Winners who are ages 19-25 will each receive a \$10,000 community grant. All winners receive Pro Bono Services, and all winners attend the annual BRICK Awards Gala event in New York City, which celebrates their accomplishments.

Who is eligible: Applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada; who are 25 years old or younger

Deadline: March 1, 2009

For more information: Email brick@dosomething.org or visit <http://www.dosomething.org/brick>

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Description: The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, the Barron Prize selects ten winners nationwide. Half of the winners have focused on helping their communities and fellow beings; half have focused on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment. Winners of the Barron Prize will each receive \$2,000 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. Nominations can be made by responsible adults who have solid knowledge of the young person's heroic activities and who are not related to the nominee.

Who is eligible: Nominees who are between the ages of 8 and 18; who are legal residents of the United States; who have shown leadership and courage in developing and implementing an extraordinary service project that has benefited other people, our fellow creatures, or the planet we share; who have demonstrated strong personal initiative as well as positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose.

Deadline: April 30, 2008

For more information: Email ba_richman@barronprize.org or visit www.barronprize.org

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Heart of American Christopher Reeve Award

Description: The Heart of American Christopher Reeve Award is presented each year to an extraordinary youth who has demonstrated tremendous courage and compassion in serving his or her community. An awards review committee will select one student each year for the award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship. To nominate a student, email colleen@heartofamerica.org with:

- Nominator's name and relationship to nominee
- Nominee's contact information
- Length of time doing volunteer work
- Approx. hours of volunteer service
- Details of volunteer service
- What sets the nominee apart from other volunteers
- Three references with contact information for each
- Any supporting documentation (i.e. awards, articles, etc.)

Who is eligible: Students who are seniors in high school or younger

Deadline: Nominations are accepted year-round.

For more information: Email colleen@heartofamerica.org or visit <http://www.heartofamerica.org/scholarships.asp>

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All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program

Description: All-Ink.com is committed to helping students pursue their goal of a higher education. All-Ink.com is offering up to \$5,000 in scholarships to qualified students. In addition, students applying are required to complete a 50 to 200 word essay about who has had the greatest impact on your life, and a 50 to 200 word essay on what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after completing college. You can complete your application on-line.

Who is eligible: students who are enrolled or planning to participate in an accredited college or university program during the Spring 2009 or Fall 2009 term or full-year 2009-2010 school year. Students who apply must be a United States citizen or permanent resident with a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average.

Deadline: December 31, 2008

For more information: <http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>

AXA Achievement Scholarship in Association with U.S. News & World Report

Description: Fifty-two students, to be known as AXA Achievers, will be selected to receive \$10,000 scholarships, one from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. From among the state recipients, ten students will be named national AXA Achievers. They will be selected to receive national awards at \$15,000 each for a total of \$25,000 per national recipient. They must demonstrate achievement in a non-academic activity or project. Consideration will also be given to other extracurricular activities in school and community, work experience, and the applicant's academic record over the past four years

Who is eligible: Student must be a U.S citizen, and a high school senior (at the time of the application) enrolled in a 2 or 4 year accredited college for the 2009-2020 school year.

Deadline: December 15, 2008

For more information: www.axaonline.com/rs/axa/about-us/33b_axa_achievement.html or email axaachievement@scholarshipamerica.org

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Gates Millennium Scholars

Description: The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS), funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Islander Americans, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education, in all discipline areas and a graduate education for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education, or library science. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need to reach their fullest potential.

Who is eligible: Students who are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American; who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents; who have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.00 scale (unweighted); who are entering a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman in Fall 2007; who have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities; and who meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria; who meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria.

Deadline: Postmarked by or submitted online by January 12, 2009

For more information: Call (877) 690-4677 or email gmsoutreach@ocanatl.org
<http://www.gmsp.org>

Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation Scholarship

Description: Patsy Takemoto Mink (1927-2002) served in the US Congress from 1965-1976 and again from 1990-2002, where she represented Hawaii 's 2nd Congressional District. The first woman of color elected to the US House of Representatives, she worked tirelessly for civil rights, women's rights, economic justice, civil liberties, peace, and the integrity of the democratic process. Established in 2003, the Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation aims to carry on some of Congresswoman Mink's most ardent commitments: educational access, support, and opportunity for low-income women, especially mothers; and educational enrichment for children. In 2006, the Foundation offered five Education Support Awards of up to \$2,000 each to assist low-income women with children who are pursuing education or training.

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Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation Scholarship (cont'd)

Who is eligible: Applicants must be women, at least 17 years of age; must be mothers; must be enrolled in a skills training, ESL, or GED program or pursuing a technical/vocational degree, an associate's degree, a first bachelor's degree, or a professional/master's/doctoral degree; must be enrolled in an accredited program during the 2008-2009 academic year; must be low-income (annual family income less than \$17,500 for a family of 2; \$22,000 for a family of 3; \$26,500 for a family of 4).

Deadline: Postmarked by July 1, 2009

For more information: <http://www.patsyminkfoundation.org/edsupport.html>

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Description: The centerpiece of the Jackie Robinson Foundation is its unique Education and Leadership Development Program. The Foundation recognizes that students need far more than money to reach their full potential as leaders. For that reason, The Jackie Robinson Foundation reaches beyond the scope of most scholarship programs to maintain mentoring and support relationships with each award recipient. The key components of the JRF Education and Leadership Development Program are:

Scholarship Support - JRF provides scholarships of up to \$7500 per year to attend the college or university of their choice.

Mentors - Each JR Scholar is assigned a mentor who assists scholars with issues relating to college and help scholars become more focused in their field of study.

Internships - Corporate sponsors provide and assist scholars with summer internship placement and may also provide a corporate mentor for the scholar.

Who is eligible: High School seniors who are enrolling in college in Fall 2009; who is a U.S. citizen; who is a minority; who has financial need; who has demonstrated leadership potential.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: <http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/index.php>

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Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community

Description: The Yoshiyama Award for Exemplary Service to the Community recognizes exemplary service and community involvement rather than academic achievement. Award selection is based upon the significance and extent of the nominee's service to the community and upon service the opportunity for longer-term social change rather than on academic achievement or extracurricular activities. The Award is accompanied by a gift of \$5,000, dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the Award at their discretion.

Who is eligible: Students who are graduating high school seniors in the U.S. or in U.S. territories (Nominees need not be college bound.); whose activities impacted a socially, economically, or culturally isolated area; who are nominated by someone familiar with their service (clergy, school official, teacher, service agency representative, etc.); whose activities have created longer-term sustainable social change; who service has surpassed what is ordinarily expected of a socially responsible citizen; who have demonstrated self-motivation, leadership, creativity, dedication, and commitment in pursuing their service; who have made a conscious effort to involve and inspire others to participate in community action.

*GPAs, SAT scores, and school club memberships are not considered in the selection process.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Call (202) 457-0588
<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/yoshiyama/>

The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program

Description: For many students, the unmet need—the gap between the college cost and the financial aid package—is too big to manage. Scholarship awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,800, will be made payable to the school on behalf of the student and are intended to supplement, rather than substitute for, aid received from an institution.

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The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Need Scholarship Program (cont'd)

Who is eligible: Students must also have a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or GED average test score between 42 and 52 and have demonstrated unmet financial need of at least \$1,000 after the financial aid award package has been determined.

Deadline: TBD

For more information:

http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/scholarship/Unmet_need.html

Reach for the Gold Book Scholarships

Description: The Reach for the Gold Book Scholarships is sponsored by Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and targets two female college-bound minority high school seniors. The **Academic Achievement Scholarship** recognizes those females students who have demonstrated academic excellence. The **Benevolence Book Scholarship** recognizes those who have demonstrated commitment and service to their community. Each book scholarship is an award of \$500 and is applied to the high costs of college textbooks in the first year of college.

Who is eligible:

Academic Achievement Scholarship: High school seniors who are female; who have been accepted into a full-time college or university program; who are entering college in Fall 2009; who are citizens or legal residents of the United States; who have achieved a high school academic average of 3.7 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale; who have a minimum score of 900 on the SAT or 23 on ACT.

Benevolence Book Scholarship: High school seniors who are female; who have been accepted into a full-time college or university program; who are entering college in Fall 2009; who are citizens or legal residents of the United States; who have achieved a high school academic average of 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale; who have been involved in community service activities; and who have demonstrated leadership potential, commitment, and service to their community.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Email info@omegaphibeta.org

<http://www.omegaphibeta.org/serving/scholarship.htm>

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Asian American Scholarship Fund

Description: The Asian American Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to Asian American high school seniors who have demonstrated scholastic achievements and financial need and who are pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution in the U.S. This scholarship is valued up to \$5,000. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program which will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Students who are at least 16 years of age at the time of application; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S in Fall 2009; who have achieved a 3.3 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities; who have been involved in community service; who demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Call (202) 296-5221
http://www.uspaacc.com/uspac/programs/education_training.asp

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund

Description: Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund is a new national organization devoted solely to the financial scholarship needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American students. The aim of the scholarship fund is to see that all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who wish to pursue higher education have that opportunity, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin, or financial means. These scholarships are valued at \$2500 for one school year.

Who is eligible: Students who are of Asian and/or Pacific Islander heritage; who are a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, legal permanent resident, or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau; will be enrolling in a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED; and must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Deadline: January 19, 2009

For more information: Call 1-877-808-7032 or email info@apiasf.org
www.apiasf.org

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Bruce Lee Scholarship

Description: Established in honor of the legendary movie actor, known globally for his martial arts films, the Bruce Lee Scholarship will provide financial assistance to a student with strong character, who has persevered and prevailed over adversity, and who will pursue post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution in the United States. The scholarship is valued up to \$5,000. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program which will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Students who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. in Fall 2009; who are at least 16 years of age; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; who have demonstrated strong character and the ability to persevere and prevail over adversity; who have a 3.0 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have been involved in community service; who demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: http://www.uspaacc.com/web/programs/scholarship_programs.htm

Jackie Chan Scholarship

Description: The Jackie Chan Scholarship, sponsored in cooperation with the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC), provides financial assistance to Asian American high school seniors who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, who are actively involved in volunteer community service, and who will be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited educational institution in the U.S. This scholarship will be awarded to two students and is valued up to \$8,000 each. The award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program that will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Applicants who are at least 16 years of age at the time of application; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. in Fall 2009; who have achieved a 3.3 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities; who have been involved in community service; who have financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: http://www.uspaacc.com/web/programs/scholarship_programs.htm

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The Korean American Scholarship Foundation

Description: The Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) is a non-profit, volunteer-managed organization established to help meet the financial needs of Korean-American students seeking higher education. The KASF seeks 1) to assist Korean American students in pursuit of academic and personal achievement, 2) to encourage community and civic service as an integral part of leadership development, and 3) to nurture the sense of pride and confidence in Korean cultural heritage and tradition.

Who Is Eligible: A student currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate or graduate program is qualified to apply for the KASF scholarship. The scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, school activities, and community services.

Deadline: Based on regional location (see website for more details)

For More information: http://www.kasf.org/application_set.html

OCA-AXA Achievement Scholarship

Description: The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) has received funding from the AXA Foundation for college scholarships for Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) who will be entering their first year of college. Last year, eight \$2000 scholarships were awarded. The AXA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of AXA Financial, directing the company's philanthropic and volunteer activities and working to improve the quality of life in communities across the country where AXA has a presence. AXA Achievement is the AXA Foundation's innovative, long-term strategy to provide America's youth with the advice and access necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

Who is eligible: Asian Pacific Americans who are entering their first year of college in Fall 2009; who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership ability, and community service; who are permanent residents or U.S. Citizens; who have a cumulative GPA 3.00 or above (unweighted).

Deadline: TBD

For more information: <http://www.ocanatl.org/bin/html/04216.1.2215380718400009357>

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OCA-UPS Gold Mountain Scholarship

Description: The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) has been provided with funding from the UPS Foundation to fund the OCA-UPS Gold Mountain Scholarships for Asian Pacific Americans (APA) who are the first persons in their family to attend an institution of higher education. Chinese immigrants looked upon America as a mountain of golden opportunities to make a better life for themselves and their families. Last year, scholarships of \$2,000 were awarded to twelve Asian Pacific American students.

Who is eligible: Asian Pacific Americans who are the first person in their immediate family to attend college; who are entering their first year of college in Fall 2009; who demonstrate financial need; who are permanent residents or U.S. citizens; and who have a cumulative GPA 3.00 or above (unweighted).

Deadline: TBD

For more information: http://www.ocanational.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=180&Itemid=

OCA-Verizon Scholarship

Description: The Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. (OCA) has been provided funding from the Verizon Foundation to fund college scholarships for Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) who will be entering their first year of college and have significant financial need. Last year, 25 students were selected as OCA-Verizon Scholars and awarded \$2,000 each. Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, supports a variety of programs that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, bridging the digital divide, enriching communities through technology and creating a skilled work force. The foundation promotes partnerships in technology with organizations serving the needs of diverse communities, people with disabilities, and the economically and socially disadvantaged.

Who is eligible: Asian Pacific Americans who are entering their first year of college in Fall 2009; who demonstrate financial need; who are permanent residents or U.S. citizens; who have a cumulative GPA 3.00 or above (unweighted).

Deadline: April 2009

For more information:
http://www.ocanational.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=181&Itemid=

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Dr. Ph Shien & Dr. Judy Young Scholarship

Description: The Dr. Ph Shien & Dr. Judy Young Scholarship will provide financial assistance to an Asian American high school senior who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the U.S. and needs financial assistance. This scholarship is valued up to \$4,000. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program which will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Students who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. in Fall 2009; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are at least 16 years of age at the time of application; who have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have shown leadership in extracurricular activities; who have been involved in community service; who have demonstrated financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: http://www.uspaacc.com/web/programs/scholarship_programs.htm

Ruth Mu-Lan Chu & James S.C. Chao Scholarship

Description: The Ruth Mu-Lan Chu & James S.C. Chao Scholarship will provide financial assistance to an Asian American high school senior who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the U.S. and needs financial assistance. This scholarship is valued up to \$4,000. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program which will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Students who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S.; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are at least 16 years of age at the time of application; who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; who have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have shown leadership in extracurricular activities; who have been involved in community service; who have demonstrated financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: http://www.uspaacc.com/web/programs/scholarship_programs.htm

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Telamon Scholarship

Description: The Telamon Scholarship is given to an Asian American high school senior who has demonstrated not only academic excellence and leadership in extracurricular activities but who is also actively involved in volunteer community service. The scholarship is valued up to \$3,500. Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Excellence Awards program which will be held during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Who is eligible: Students who are beginning full-time study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. in Fall 2007; who are of Asian or Pacific heritage; who are at least 16 years of age at time of application; who are citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; who have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; who have shown leadership in extracurricular activities; who are involved in community service; who demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: <http://www.uspaacc.com/web/programs/telamon.htm>

Hmong National Development Educational Scholarship

Description: Through fundraising activities, HND funds its Educational Scholarship Program, which will offer five one-time \$500 scholarships to selected Hmong students who are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university during the 2009-2010 school year. The Education Scholarships: promote higher education; support and encourage Hmong students to strive for academic excellence; assist Hmong students to assume and achieve important roles as leaders in their chosen profession; and promote a stronger presence of Hmong in academia and in the professional community.

Who is eligible: Applicants must be a Hmong student with residency in the United States with plans to attend an accredited college/university or graduate degree program as a full-time student for the 2009-2010 school year.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: <http://hndinc.org/content/view/26/43/>

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AAJA/Cox Foundation Scholarship

Description: Each year, AAJA offers scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Awards of up to \$2,500 to students pursuing careers in print, broadcast or photo journalism.

Who is eligible: Commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009.

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

AAJA/S.I. Newhouse Foundation Scholarships

Description: Each year, AAJA offers scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Awards of up to \$5,000 each to college students pursuing careers in newspaper print journalism. While the scholarship is open to all students, AAJA especially encourages applicants from historically underrepresented Asian Pacific American groups. S.I. Newhouse scholarship winners will be eligible for summer internships with a Newhouse publication.

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Who is eligible: Commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

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AAJA-CNN Scholars

Description: Each year, AAJA offers scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Four students majoring in broadcast or online journalism will be given college scholarships of \$25,000 each, awarded over four years.

Who is eligible: Commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Description: \$2,000 to a promising Asian American male broadcaster. A civil rights advocate and attorney, Minoru Yasui was one of three Nisei who challenged the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Who is eligible: Commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

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Mary Moy Quan Ing Memorial Scholarship

Description: Each year, AAJA offers scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Awards \$2,000 to a graduating high school senior who is enrolling in college and pursuing a journalism career.

Who is eligible: Commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship

Description: Each year, AAJA offers scholarships to outstanding high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students. Since his death in 1982, Vincent Chin has become one of the icons for Asian American civil rights and intolerance of hate crimes. Through this new scholarship, AAJA will award \$5,000 a journalism student committed to keeping Vincent Chin's memory alive.

Who is eligible: High school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students with commitment to the field of journalism, sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues as demonstrated by community involvement, journalistic ability and financial need

Deadline: Applications available January 2009

For more information: http://www.aaja.org/programs/for_students/scholarships/

D.C. Scholarships

D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program

Description: The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program provides eligible D.C. school children, grades K-12, with up to \$7,500 each year each for tuition, fees and transportation in order that they may attend private elementary, middle, or high schools in the District. More than 50 D.C. private schools have signed on to participate in the program's inaugural year.

Applications for the 2009-2010 school year will be accepted beginning October 27, 2008.

Who is eligible: District residents who meet the following income eligibility guidelines for the number of people living in your home, including you, your spouse, and your children:

- 2 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$23,107
 - 3 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$28,990
 - 4 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$34,873
 - 5 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$40,756
 - 6 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$46,639
 - 7 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$52,522
 - 8 persons - Annual household income cannot exceed \$58,405
- For each additional family member above 8, please add \$5,809.

*Your child's application for the 2009-2010 school year will be priority over other applicants if your child currently attends one of the following DC public schools identified as "in need of improvement," in need of corrective action," or "in need of restructuring" under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Call 1-888-DC-YOUTH or visit the Washington Scholarship Fund office, located at 1133 15 Street, NW (between L and M Streets), Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005. Their office is open between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Friday; and 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays. <http://www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org/programs/opportunity/index.html>

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Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) Financial Aid Higher Education Financial Services (HEFS)

Description: The Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) Higher Education Financial Services (HEFS) provides a variety of resources to help you find financial aid to pursue higher education at a college or university.

DC Tuition Assistance Grant Program (Up to \$10,000/ school year)

DC Adoption Scholarship Program (Up to \$10,000/ school year)

DC Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (Up to \$1,500/school year)

DC Adult Scholarship Program (Up to \$5,000/ school year)

Who is eligible: Graduating high school seniors that have been accepted into an accredited college or university for fall 2009-2010. Student must demonstrate a financial need, and be a resident of DC. Additional requirements may be asked according to each scholarship program.

Deadline: June 30th or TBD

The online application can be found at http://osse.dc.gov/seoframes.asp?doc=/seo/lib/seofhefs/dc_oneapp_worksheet.pdf

For more information: http://osse.dc.gov/seofcw/view,a,1225,q,557518,seoNav_GID,1511,seoNav,|31238|,.asp

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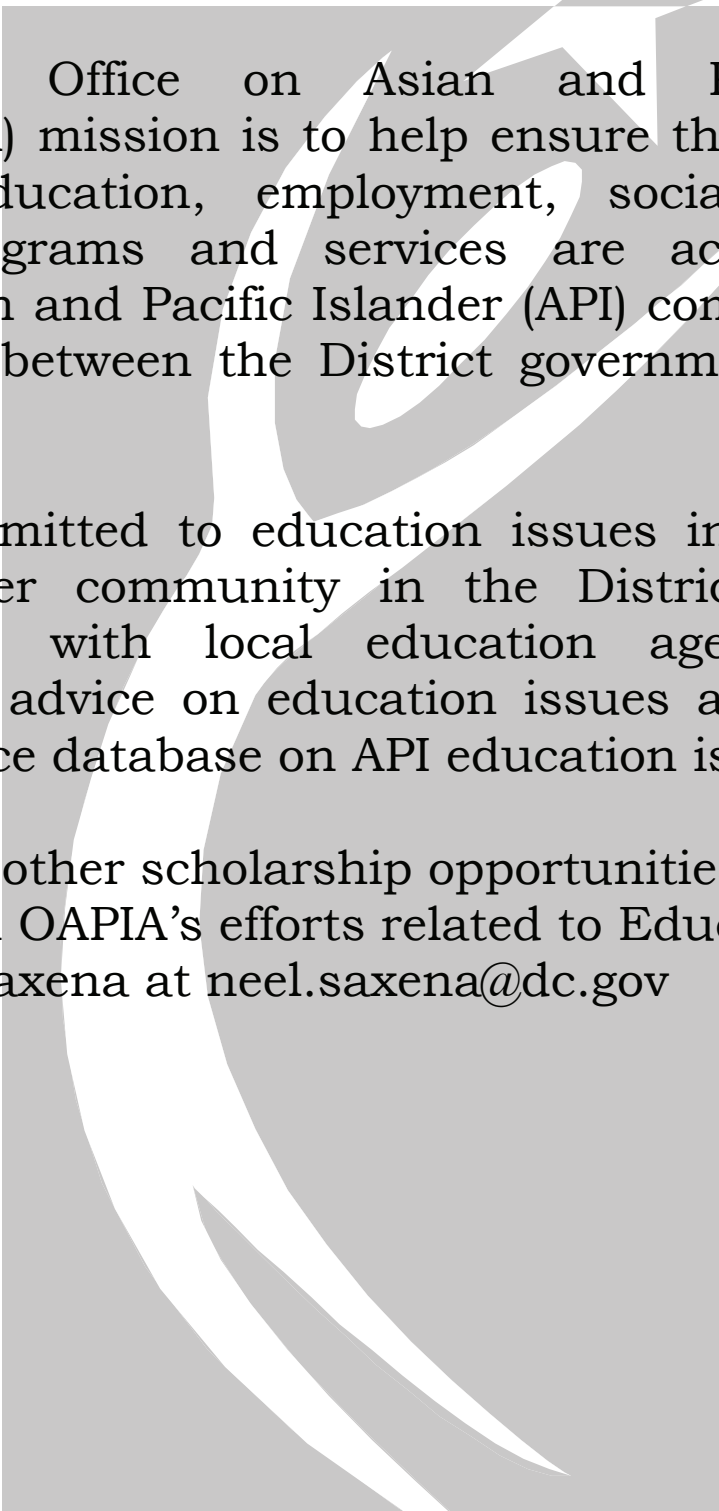
Signature Scholarship Program

Description: The Signature Scholarship Program, in existence since 1993, provides eligible D.C. school children with up to \$2,000 each for tuition in grades K-8 and up to \$3,000 each for tuition in grades 9-12. To qualify, families must be at or below 270% of poverty and be residents of the District of Columbia. Entering students must be going into kindergarten through eighth grade (though once in the program, scholarships continue through high school). The vast majority of Washington Scholarship Fund (WSF) scholarship students attend schools in the DC metropolitan area (in 2004-2005, students attended 128 different schools). This program is funded entirely by generous donations from individuals, foundations, corporations and non-profit institutions. Applications for the 2009-2010 school year will begin to be accepted in the fall.

Who is eligible: Families who are at or below 270% of poverty and are District residents.

Deadline: TBD

For more information: Call (202) 293-5560 or visit <http://www.washingtonscholarshipfund.org/programs/signature/index.html>



The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs' (OAPIA) mission is to help ensure that the full range of health, education, employment, social services and business, programs and services are accessible to the District's Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community. OAPIA is the liaison between the District government and the API community.

OAPIA is committed to education issues in the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the District of Columbia. OAPIA works with local education agencies, provides guidance and advice on education issues and continues to build a resource database on API education issues.

If you know of other scholarship opportunities or want more information on OAPIA's efforts related to Education, please contact Neel Saxena at neel.saxena@dc.gov



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