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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know if I am eligible to apply to a scholarship program?

A: Eligibility criteria are listed under each scholarship program and on the first page of each application. Please be sure to read each program's eligibility criteria to find the program(s) for which you are eligible.

Q: Do you only accept applications from graduating high school seniors?

A: No, though many of our scholarship awards are for graduating high school seniors (i.e. "incoming college freshmen"), we have awards that are open to students already enrolled in college (i.e. "current undergraduates").

Q: Are there scholarships available for graduate students?

A: Yes, the [Hsiao Memorial Economics Scholarship](#) is for graduate students pursuing a higher degree in economics. Currently, it is our only award for students in graduate school.

Q: Are there scholarships available for international students?

A: We only provide scholarships for study at United States-based colleges and universities. Please review the scholarship program's eligibility criteria for residency requirements.

Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

A: Yes, you may apply for as many scholarships as you like, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria for those programs and submit a separate application for each.

Q: I saw an application deadline and eligibility criteria on another website, and they are different from the information posted on the Asian Pacific Fund website. Which website has the most accurate information?

A: The **official deadline(s) and criteria** are posted on the Asian Pacific Fund website at www.asianpacificfund.org. Other websites may have outdated listings with inaccurate application deadlines and eligibility criteria.

Q: When is the scholarship application deadline?

A: The postmark deadline for most of our scholarship programs is **February 19, 2016**.

- The following programs have different deadlines: [Hsiao Memorial Economics Scholarship](#) and [Yale Asian Community Service Fellowship](#)
- Mail your application materials to the address below by the time your local post office closes:

[Name of Scholarship Program]
Asian Pacific Fund
465 California Street, Suite 809
San Francisco, CA 94104

- Please note that many post offices close by 5 p.m.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Please follow these steps to apply:

1. Review the full eligibility criteria for the scholarship program(s) you are interested in.

- o Please **be sure you comply with all eligibility requirements** before applying. Applications from ineligible applicants will not be read.
2. Download the application in Word document or PDF format from our website.
 3. Complete the application form, essay responses and resume.
 4. Request an unofficial transcript from your school.
 5. Ask two of your counselors/teachers/professors to write you a letter of recommendation.
 6. Double-check to make sure your application packet is complete.
 7. Mail application packet by the deadline to:

[Name of Scholarship Program]

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San Francisco, CA 94104

Q: Can I apply online?

A: No, there is no online application this year. We will only accept hard-copy applications postmarked by the deadline.

Q: What kind of essays do I need to write?

A: Each scholarship application has required short essay questions (250-500 words). The essay questions allow students to explain their academic and career goals, community involvement, financial need and personal hardship. Please use the application's essay questions to guide your responses.

Q: What should my counselor/teacher/professor write in my letter of recommendation?

A: We ask that he/she writes about his/her experiences with you as a student, and how well you fit within the criteria of the scholarship program.

Q: How can my counselor/teacher/professor submit his/her letter of recommendation?

A: Please make sure he/she includes *your first and last name* and the *name of the scholarship program* with the letter of recommendation. They can do either of the following:

1. Enclose the letter with your other application materials and mail application as a packet to Asian Pacific Fund.
2. Mail the letter directly to: Scholarship Manager, Asian Pacific Fund, 465 California Street, Suite 809, San Francisco, CA 94104 by the postmark deadline.

Q: If I am applying for multiple scholarships do I have to submit separate required documents for each program?

A: Yes. Since the applications for each program are judged separately, you will need to submit required documents for each application.

Q: When will I be notified about the status of my application?

A: Most scholarship decisions will be made by July 1, 2016. You will receive an email or letter in the mail notifying you of the status of your application.

Other questions? Please email scholarship@asianpacificfund.org.

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