



APIA Scholarship Application Guide

Please consider this a useful guide to help you prepare for the scholarship application.

With advanced preparation, the online application should take 30-60 minutes to finish.

Step 1: Personal Information

Standard questions such as contact information, biodata, ethnicity, gender, etc.

This is also where you will put the information for your recommender to submit their letter of recommendation. **Double check your recommender's contact info is accurate before putting it in the application.**

Step 2: Family Education

Be prepared to know your parent(s)/guardian(s)'s highest level of completed education.

Steps 3 and 4: High School and College Information

Basic information about your high school and college, your current student status (i.e.: are you a graduating high school senior or a current undergraduate college student) including GPA, your future student status (i.e.: what year of college you will be in).

If you are already a college student, you will provide information about your current college and major. If you are not yet a college student, you will provide information about your intended college and area of study.

Step 5: Financial Information

Be prepared to know you and/or your family's total gross income from the previous year.

If you are selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit your Student Aid Report from the FAFSA for the upcoming academic year for verification purposes.

Step 6: Extracurricular and Work Experience

Prepare a list of your extracurricular activities and work positions, including descriptions of the activities/jobs and the start and end dates.

While it is not required to have any extracurricular, community service, volunteer or work experience or list it within your application, this information allows APIA Scholars to see you through a broader lens.

Step 7: Essays

There are 3 required essay questions and you need to write 500 words or less for each of them. **This is where you truly get to tell us who you are, what is important to you and what you hope to do in the future.**

- Describe what education or career goals you have, why you have them, and how you plan to achieve them.
- Tell us how you hope to help your local and broader community through your education and future goals.
- Describe some challenges you have faced from any aspect of your life, how you worked through them, and how these challenges have changed you.

Step 8: Verification

Almost done! **Take time to review all steps of your application.** Check for any errors. Make sure you feel you have done your best to tell us in your own voice about you, your experiences and your passions.

You can always save your application and complete it at a later date.

Application Timeline

The APIA Scholarship application is open September to mid January of each academic year. Visit our website at bit.ly/APIAScholars for specific dates and updates.

Finalists are notified in mid-spring.
Additional documents will be requested: FAFSA SAR, transcript and a college admission letter for incoming freshmen.

Scholars are notified in late spring/early summer.
Additional information and documents will be requested.