Mission

Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of APIA students by providing them with resources that increase their access to higher education which serves as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a more vibrant America.

Vision

Our vision is to see that all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have access to higher education and resources that cultivate their academic, personal and professional success regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means.

Impact

- **91% persistence rate** for APIA Scholars
- **Over $150 million in scholarships** distributed across the country and in the Pacific Islands
- **More than 7,000 students have received scholarships** from APIA Scholars

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Scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

APIA Scholarship Information
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The APIA Scholarship is open to Asian and Pacific Islander American students who will be enrolling or are currently enrolled in a U.S. accredited college or university as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

APIA Scholars seeks to provide scholarships to underserved APIA students, with a special focus on individuals who:

- Are living at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status
- Are the first in their family to attend college
- Represent the diversity geographically and ethnically of the APIA community, especially those who have historically and currently been underrepresented on college campuses
- Have demonstrated commitment to their community through leadership and service

Eligibility Criteria

- Identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Must be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible
- Must be enrolling/enrolled as an undergraduate student at a U.S. accredited institution in the academic year following the application's submission
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
- Must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA

The Scholarship

Scholarship awards range from one-time $2,500 awards to multi-year $20,000 awards.

Some of the additional programs available to APIA Scholarship recipients:

- Peer & professional mentorship programs
- Innovators for Good Competition
- Young Leaders Conference
- Young Professionals Conference
- Advising and coaching sessions

The Application

The APIA Scholarship application is open between September and January.

A complete application must be submitted online for each student.

The application consists of:

- Student Application (including three essay questions)
- Letter of Recommendation submitted online

Finalists are notified in mid-spring, Scholars are notified in late spring/early summer. Disbursement of awards to scholars’ schools occurs in late summer.

To apply or to learn more about the application process visit our website: bit.ly/APIAScholars

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