APIA Scholars AANAPISI Initiative

APIA Scholars aims to increase equitable outcomes for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students by increasing our capacity to better serve and scale our efforts. Through our Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Initiative, we want to strengthen capacity for AANAPISIs to ensure that promising practices are shared and scaled to impact more students’ lives, and that institutions receive the resources they need to serve their students well.

Building Knowledge: Research

In 2021, APIA Scholars launched a national AANAPISI Research Project to explore the impact of AANAPISIs in three broad areas:

- Becoming AANAPISIs
- Serving AANHPI students
- Institutionalizing AANHPI supports

APIA Scholars also launched a Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) Student Success Research Project, a collaboration with 8 campuses to leverage research to drive solutions that impact NHPI student success outcomes.

The findings from these research initiatives will be published in Fall 2022.

Scaling Systems: Capacity-Building and Advocacy

Capacity-Building

The AANAPISI Steering Committee convenes AANAPISI leaders and key stakeholders to increase awareness, visibility, and the capacity of AANAPISIs to impact student success through the following priorities:

- Advocacy
- Learning Communities
- Research
The APIA Scholars AANAPISI Scholarship is available annually to students attending APIA Scholars AANAPISI partner campuses, including the following institutions:

Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program Webinar

National Academies of Sciences AANAPISIs and STEM Town Hall (postponed)

APIA Scholars also partners with federal agencies to connect AANAPISIs to federal funding opportunities:

- Testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (May 2022)
- Letter of Support to Congress for Increased Funding for AANAPISIs (August 2021)
- Biden-Harris FY23 Budget Request (November 2021)

To learn more about the APIA Scholars AANAPISI Initiative, please visit https://apiascholars.org/aanapisi-new/

Supporting College Access: AANAPISI Partnerships

The APIA Scholars AANAPISI Scholarship is available annually to students attending APIA Scholars AANAPISI partner campuses, including the following institutions:

Advocacy

Per capita, AANAPISIs receive the least amount of federal funding compared to other MSIs. We advocate for increased funding for AANAPISIs to $100 million annually.

Our advocacy efforts include:

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To sign up for the monthly e-newsletter on AANAPISI updates, news, and advocacy opportunities, please visit bit.ly/AANAPISINews