



# 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 75-90 minutes to finish.

## Part 1: Personal Information

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

Make sure the email you use is one you **CHECK REGULARLY** and have **ACCESS TO** through at least through Fall of the next academic year.

## Part 2: Family Education

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

## Part 3: 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).

## Part 4: Financial Information

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

Applicants selected as Scholars will be required to submit their FAFSA Student Aid Report. Make sure to apply for the FAFSA by early April!

## Part 5: Extracurricular Activities, Work Experience & Family Responsibilities

**Prepare a list of your extracurricular activities and work positions, including descriptions of the activities/jobs and the start and end dates. You also can discuss life circumstances or family responsibilities that might have made it difficult to have extracurriculars or work experience.**

These sections are optional, but it is to your benefit to fill out at least one section!

## Part 6: Essays and Recommender Letter

**You have the option to write 3 essay response OR 2 essay responses and have a recommendation letter submitted. Recommendation letters are due a WEEK before the application deadline!**

You have your choice of 4 essay prompts for your 2 or 3 essay responses. This is where you truly get to tell us who you are, what is important to you, and how you see yourself and the world.

- **Option 1:** Tell us about a leadership role you took on. How did it go? What makes a good leader and how could you improve your leadership skills?
- **Option 2:** How has your identity as an Asian American, Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander impacted you? How does this identity interact with your other identities?
- **Option 3:** How do you define success for yourself, what goals do you have, and what do you need to achieve success?
- **Option 4:** What does community mean to you, who is part of yours? How have you supported and been supported by your community?

## Part 7: Certification

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.

Once you submit, there is NO changing or updating your application, so **DOUBLE CHECK** everything!

## Application Timeline

The application for the APIA and AANAPISI Scholarships is open September to January of each academic year. Visit our website at [bit.ly/APIAScholars](http://bit.ly/APIAScholars) for specific dates and updates.

**Finalists are notified in mid-spring.**

**Scholars are notified in late spring/early summer.** Scholars are required to submit their FAFSA SAR and most recent transcript.