



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

- 84% of Scholars from the 2023-24 cohort were first generation college students.
- 55% of Scholars come from families that live at or below the poverty line.
- More than half of Scholars are first in family college students.

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Scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

APIA Scholarship Information

APIA Scholarship

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

- Be able to describe your ethnicity, heritage, or ancestry in relation to the countries, territories, or lands in Asia or the Pacific Islands.
- 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
- Professional development and network opportunities
- Elevating Leaders Summit
- 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 Student Application consists of:

- Three essay responses **OR** two required essay responses + 1 letter of recommendation.

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

Online Application can be found at:
[Bit.ly/APIAScholars](https://bit.ly/APIAScholars)

For additional info, including tips for a strong application, visit apiascholars.org

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