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**NEW 2015-16 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER STUDENTS ATTENDING ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (AANAPISI)**

*APIASF Launches Sixth Annual AANAPISI Scholarship Program and Expands to Eighteen Campuses*

**Washington, D.C. (July 15, 2015)** — The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is now accepting applications for the APIASF Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander – Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship Program. The awards—ranging between \$2,500 and \$5,000 totaling more than \$625,000 for the 2015–16 academic year—are available to full-time, degree-seeking Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. In its sixth year, APIASF is excited to expand this program to three new AANAPISI campus partners, totaling 18 institutions : American Samoa Community College; California State University, East Bay; California State University, Sacramento; City College of San Francisco; Coastline Community College; College of Micronesia – FSM; De Anza College; Guam Community College; Laney College; Mission College; Northern Marianas College; Queens College, CUNY ; Richland College; South Seattle College; University of Guam; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; University of Illinois at Chicago; and University of Massachusetts Boston.

“APIASF is pleased to have the opportunity to grow and expand our AANAPISI Scholarship Program for the upcoming academic year with the addition of three new campus partners,” said Neil Horikoshi, APIASF President & Executive Director. “With more than 40 percent of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders enrolled in higher education attending AANAPISIs, our partnerships with these campuses allow us to reach some of the highest concentrations of underserved students to accelerate their success. The growth of this scholarship program is another step closer to APIASF’s goal to work with all 153 AANAPISI campuses across the country and in the Pacific Islands.”

The APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program is a collaboration of [AANAPISIs](#), a federal designation of minority-serving institutions that enroll large populations of AAPI students, and the communities they serve to provide scholarships, expand institutional capacity and mobilize local resources to help foster economic development. AANAPISIs serve [disproportionately high concentrations of low-income AAPI students](#) – this collaboration reaches some of the highest

concentrations of underserved students. Despite common misperceptions that AAPI students are attending the most selective universities, nearly half of all AANAPISIs are community colleges.

Over the last five years, the APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program has supported over 500 scholars and distributed over \$1.7 million in college scholarships. This program contributes to increased persistence and degree attainment for traditionally underserved students. Since 2010, 83 percent of AANAPISI Scholars have graduated or are still enrolled in their college programs, 25 percent have received associate degrees and 29 percent have transferred from 2-year to 4-year institutions.

To apply for the program, students must attend one of the 18 AANAPISI partner campuses and meet the additional eligibility requirements available on the [APIASF website](#). The APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program is supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Educational Testing Service, General Mills Foundation, Hilton Worldwide, Honda, USA Funds, Walmart Foundation and Wells Fargo. The application deadline is Oct. 15, 2015 at 9 p.m. EST.

To learn more about the APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program, visit APIASF's website at [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org). Also, follow APIASF on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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### **About the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund**

Based in Washington, D.C., the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the nation's largest non-profit provider of college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). APIASF works to create opportunities for students to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education; thereby developing future leaders who will excel in their career, serve as role models in their communities, and will ultimately contribute to a vibrant America. Since 2003, APIASF has distributed nearly \$90 million in scholarships to AAPI students across the country and in the Pacific Islands. APIASF manages three scholarship programs: APIASF's general scholarship, the APIASF Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) scholarship program, and the Gates Millennium Scholars/Asian Pacific Islander Americans funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.