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### APIASF Alumni Creates APIASF / TAA Scholarship to Help Other Students



In 2006, Boosaba Pananon from Silver Spring, Maryland was selected to be one of 200 students who received a scholarship from APIASF. Just like her fellow Scholars, Boosaba demonstrated in her application a desire to give back to her community and to make a difference for others.

With the help of her scholarship and the support of her family and friends, Boosaba embarked on her journey at the University of Maryland where her community focus continued to grow. Upon graduation from the University of Maryland, she decided to pursue an internship with OCA, an organization focused on advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of the AAPI community. Each of the OCA interns were challenged to develop a Campus Action Plan that would address an issue faced by Asian American students at their university and propose some kind of solution.

"Given that I had already graduated, I adjusted my project's focus to the Thai youth at large here in the Washington, D.C. area instead," said Boosaba. "I could think of many people in my community, myself included, who could have used academic scholarships to ease the financial burden that comes with pursuing higher education. Fortunately, I had received a scholarship from APIASF prior to beginning college, and I wanted to help Thai Americans obtain the same kind of opportunities."

"When internal support had been gathered, I reached out to APIASF, the organization that had once graciously granted me the financial support that I now wanted to extend to other Thai Americans like me," said Boosaba. "APIASF assured me that my dream of creating a Thai American scholarship was entirely possible, and soon after we embarked on a partnership with APIASF that provided scholarships of \$2,500 to two students for the 2011-2012 school year that were administered by APIASF. I hope that TAA and APIASF will be able to provide this financial award to Thai American students nationally for years to come... because sometimes, that small award makes a world of difference. In my case, my APIASF award gave me a sense of confidence that I was on the right track and was a gift that I could present to my mom to help in the cost of tuition."

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#### Scholar Profile



*"This isn't just a mere donation; it is much more. This scholarship helps ease my stress, contributing to my education will help me soar forward and hopefully reach success. I am very focused academically and education means a great deal to me."*

**Jene Li**  
**2011 - 2012 APIASF /**  
**Walmart Foundation**  
**Scholar**

Attending University of California, Berkeley and Majoring in Electrical Engineering

To read the full story, [click here](#). For more information about the APIASF / Thai Alliance in America scholarship, [click here](#).

## Less Than 30 Days to Apply for the APIASF Scholarship Program

With just less than 30 days until the APIASF Scholarship Application deadline, here are a few tips and reminders to assist with the application process. Don't forget that the APIASF staff is available to help with any questions about the application, please email [applicant@apiasf.org](mailto:applicant@apiasf.org) or call (877) 808-7032.

**Tip 1:** Make sure to follow up with your recommender to ensure that they received the link AND submitted the recommendation online. APIASF will only accept recommendations that are completed using the online system.

**Tip 2:** Complete all sections of the application and be sure to certify the application (Tab 10)!

**Tip 3:** Make sure to mention any service work you do in your family as well as in the community. Think of leadership experiences in both a traditional and non-traditional way.

**Tip 4:** Once the recommendation request has been completed, be sure to click on Tab 12 (Additional Essay Questions) to see if there are any additional qualification questions that require your response. If Tab 12 does not appear, you do not need to do anything further after the recommendation request has been submitted.

**Tip 5:** Don't wait until the deadline. Get your application and recommendation submitted early to avoid the last-minute rush and added stress.

The application is due January 13, 2012 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time. For more information about the APIASF Scholarship Program or to apply, visit [http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship\\_apiasf.html](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html).

Happy Holidays from APIASF!



## Did You Know?

Nearly 50 percent of all Asian American and Pacific Islander students enrolled in higher education are attending community colleges.

To help share their stories, APIASF provided video cameras to some of these students to document their experience on and off-campus.

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## Give the Gift of Education

Did you know that you can make a difference for a deserving Asian American or Pacific Islander Student? One gift to APIASF can support a student in achieving their dream of higher education.

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