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Apply Today - APIASF Community College Scholarship Now Available Online

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is now accepting applications for the **APIASF Community College Scholarship Program**. The organization's new scholarship opportunity - ranging from \$2,250 to \$5,000 each during the 2012-13 academic school year - is available to 155 full-time, degree-seeking Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students who are enrolled the following institutions:

- **City College of San Francisco,**
- **Coastline Community College,**
- **De Anza College, or**
- **South Seattle Community College.**

APIASF Community College Scholarship Program applicants must be of AAPI ethnicity as defined by the [U.S. Department of Census](#) and must be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a citizen of the U.S. Freely Associated States. Other eligibility requirements include completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although applicants do not need to be recipients of federal financial aid to be eligible for the APIASF Community College Scholarship Program. **The application deadline is Friday, October 12, 2012 at 6 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).**

Additionally, the APIASF Community College Scholarship Program supports the new **Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project**, which APIASF, along with the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE), launched recently to help realize the full degree-earning potential of the AAPI student population. Considered one of the largest investments to date to increase AAPI student success, the PEER project is a three-year, nearly \$2 million effort being supported by The Kresge Foundation, USA Funds, and the Walmart Foundation. The PEER project also works collaboratively with three of the APIASF Community College Scholarship Program institutions: De Anza College, City College of San Francisco, and South Seattle Community College.

For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program is Now Accepting Applications Online

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Scholar Profile



"Raised by a single deaf mother, nobody thought that someone like me would aim to go to college; in fact, I didn't think it was possible for me to attend either. Even then, my mother lacked the financial resources to pay for my education-living off of Social Security, we barely ever had enough for the two of us. So when I found out that I was the recipient of the APIASF/Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship, my mother held me tightly in her arms and cried. Receiving the scholarship gave both of us what we needed for a long time: hope."

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2012 - 2013 APIASF /
Coca-Cola Foundation
Scholar

by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with significant financial need an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. The application for the 2013 class is now available online.

GMS provides recipients with:

- Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help;
- Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress;
- Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science; and
- Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.

For more information or to learn how to apply, [click here](#). The application deadline is Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Emerging AAPI Communities Shape APIASF's 2012 Outreach Schedule

As one of the fastest growing populations in the United States, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is experiencing significant increases in ethnic groups that have created several new emerging communities. A recent data summary prepared by the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) for the 2012 APIASF Higher Education Summit revealed that in the last decade, there were approximately 250,000 refugees from Burma, Nepal and Bhutan, many of whom were not counted in the 2010 Census.

To further the goal of increasing access to higher education for underserved populations and making a difference in communities, these emerging groups have become critical points to raise awareness of APIASF's scholarship programs and services. APIASF has developed an extensive outreach plan to meet these students where they live and will be conducting outreach in six new cities during the 2012 - 2013 application cycle. These cities include:


- Salt Lake City, Utah;
- Portland, Oregon;
- Omaha, Nebraska;
- Springdale, Arkansas;
- New Orleans, Louisiana; and
- Columbia, South Carolina.

Additional information about APIASF's plans in each of these communities will be posted online in the coming weeks.

If you would like to help support APIASF's outreach efforts in these or other communities in the U.S. or Pacific Islands, please email Phong Luu, APIASF's Program Specialist for Outreach & Community Relations, at outreach@apiasf.org.

Attending University of California, Berkeley
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Save the Date

Please save the date for the seventh annual APIASF *Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future* November 8, 2012  Scholarship Benefit in New York City. The event will be held at the Hilton New York.

For more information or to learn more about sponsoring the 2012 Scholarship Benefit, please contact Katrina Chambers at kchambers@apiasf.org.

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.

[Click here to make a difference in the life of a student.](#)

APIASF Programs

Did you know that APIASF is a lot more than scholarships?

APIASF provides scholarship recipients with individual advising, community building and professional development opportunities. [Click here to learn more about our programs and services.](#)

Social Change Selected as September Blog Theme



For the month of September, APIASF's blog, *re/present: live. learn. lead.*, invites Scholars, community members, and professionals committed to highlighting the voices, visibility and unique experiences of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community to engage in a dialogue around **social change (#repChange)** guided by Mahatma Gandhi's words of wisdom, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." We will have prompts posted throughout the month to guide the conversation, but we especially encourage our Scholars, to share their perspective and lived experiences as they see fit.

Also, to highlight the significance of the upcoming month's theme, *re/present* is thrilled to announce to our Scholars a writing challenge for September. **Scholars who submit a blog post for at least 3 out of the 7 prompts for #repChange will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.** Please visit <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com/repchangechallenge> for more details about the challenge.

You can join and follow the conversation at <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com>.

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