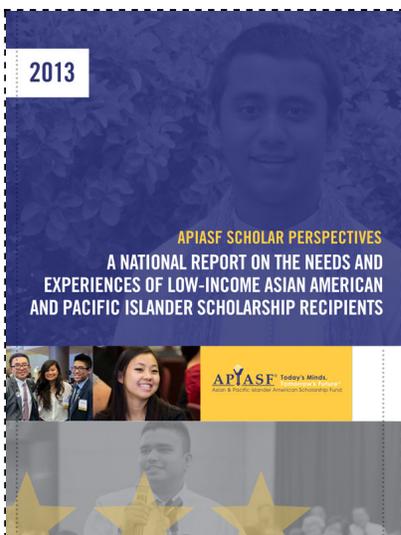




December 2013 eNews

APIASF Publishes First of Kind Scholar Needs Assessment Report

On Friday, December 13, 2013, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) published the first report written entirely by staff. The report, [**APIASF Scholar Perspectives: A National Report on the Needs and Experiences of Low-Income Asian American and Pacific Islander Scholarship Recipients**](#), is the first of its kind to delve into the needs and experiences of high-performing, low-income Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) scholarship recipients.



The data in this report serves as the foundation for APIASF's evidence-based Scholar programs and services, and helps to better inform program and policy decisions at the institutional, state, and federal levels that will accelerate student success.

"This report marks an important milestone for APIASF, as we bring to light the needs and experiences of our thousands of scholarship recipients from across the country and the Pacific

Islands," said Neil Horikoshi, APIASF President & Executive Director. "For the first-time, our organization is able to share the information that we have gleaned from our decade of service to students to help inform the work of practitioners, policymakers, community leaders and college presidents as they develop programs for the AAPI student population."

For more information about this report, [click here](#). To see this report and others, please visit our [Research page](#).

Volunteer Opportunity: Become a Reader for the APIASF Scholarship Program!

APIASF is seeking volunteers to serve as readers for its general

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Scholar Profile



"I hope to become a great influence for women back in my parents' country. I want to become an OB/GYN not only to advocate for women's health but also women's rights and pave paths to prove that it possible to break down stereotypes to pursue our careers and dreams."

Hena Zakir
2012 APIASF / Wells Fargo Scholar

Attending
University of Connecticut

Scholarship Program! Readers assist in the evaluation of applications submitted for the 2014-2015 academic year and are critical to APIASF's ability to award scholarships to students.

The scholarship review process will take place from January 13 until March 14, 2014. Readers will have access to a secure website to review scholarship applications. To ensure that there are enough readers to evaluate all applications, readers are asked to commit to completing a minimum of 40 applications. Each application takes approximately 10-15 minutes to review. Readers who review applications on a consistent basis will be entered into drawings to win prizes throughout the read.

All readers must have an undergraduate college diploma and/or 7-10 years of work experience. All volunteers, new and returning, are required to review a training presentation online. The training will cover basic information related to education in the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and provide an overview of the review and scoring process.

If you are interested in volunteering as a reader for the APIASF Scholarship Program, please complete the [new reader registration form](#). If you are a returning reader, simply log in to your account at the top of the [registration page](#).

For more information, please contact Cecilia Marshall, Director, APIASF Scholarship Program, at cmarshall@apiasf.org or 202-747-7235.

APIASF Video Reaches Over 1 Million Views!

On December 11, 2013, APIASF's video, "[Save the Date](#)", reached over a million views on YouTube. The video, produced by Wells Fargo and Wong Fu Productions, was developed as a tool to raise awareness of financial literacy for Asian American college students.

"Save the Date" provides a look at two young adults who go on a date without saving enough money. The video debuted at the APIASF Jump Start College Tour at Georgia State University on September 14 as part of a broader initiative to help connect students to money management and financial literacy resources. Since the event, the video has been widely distributed through [Wong Fu's YouTube channel](#) and has been shared by students across social media.

Majoring in Pre-Med

Volunteer Profile



"Volunteering as an application reader was an easy decision. It's an opportunity to learn about all the great things these dedicated students are doing in their schools and throughout their community. My own college education was enabled through scholarship funding. It is rewarding to me to help students who may be otherwise unable to continue their education."

Jill Vancour
APIASF Volunteer and
Treasurer, Asian
Employee Research
Group at MassMutual

To volunteer with
APIASF, [click here](#).



"Save the Date"

The development of the video was based on the results of a financial literacy survey completed by APIASF's scholarship recipients, which provided insight about how students look for financial advice, where they are likely to spend extra money and what concerns them most when it comes to finances.

For more information about this video, please [click here](#).

AANAPISI Profile: Coastline Community College

Coastline Community College (CCC) in Orange County, California is dedicated to promoting "academic excellence and student success for today's global students through accessible, flexible, innovative education." Being designated as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) by the U.S. Department of Education allowed CCC to serve its low-income, high-performing AAPI students who make up more than a quarter of the institution's students.

Beginning in 2010, CCC received a five-year, two million dollar AANAPISI grant for programs aimed at solving three main issues affecting AAPI students: few AAPI students were earning Associate's Degrees, transferring to four-year institutions or enrolling in degree-applicable courses. As a response to these problems, CCC created tailored student support programs, which include the guideU Student-Mentor Connection, the STAR Program for fast-tracking classes to transfer to a four-year institution, various peer tutoring programs, broad new student outreach efforts and AAPI-focused, culturally-responsive staff development. Through continued support from the AANAPISI grant, CCC is able to provide tailored programming to help promote AAPI access and success in higher education. Find information on CCC's AAPI programs [here](#).

Don't Forget! Scholarship Applications Are Available

The **APIASF Scholarship** application is now available. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). The deadline is January 10, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The **Gates Millennium Scholars Program** application is now available. For more information and to apply, [click here](#). The deadline is January 15, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

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Coastline Community College is one of nine AANAPISIs partnered with APIASF through the [APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program](#), which distributes awards from \$2,500-\$5,000 to AAPI students at participating institutions.

Resolve to do some good in 2014 with our blog's #repService theme this January

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live. learn. lead.

For January 2014, APIASF will be starting the year off fresh with a theme that is near and dear to many of us - service (#repService). In honor of the new year, the focus will be on resolutions. Beyond trying to hit the gym or spending more time with family and friends, resolutions can also be about community and global improvement. Follow along throughout the month to see and share how service and resolutions can go hand in hand to start the year off right. Join us at <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com>!

In December, we hosted our 2nd annual #repReflections photo-a-day project. [Click here](#) to see all the awesome submissions!

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