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APPLY TODAY! AANAPISI Scholarship Application Now Available Online

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is now accepting applications for the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship Program. The scholarship opportunity is available to full-time, degree-seeking Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students-at \$2,500 each for the 2013-14 academic school year-who are enrolled at select AANAPISIs.

The AANAPISI scholarship applicants must be of AAPI ethnicity as defined by the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) and must be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a citizen of the U.S. Freely Associated States. **The application deadline is Oct. 11, 2013 at 9 p.m. EDT / 6 p.m. PST / 3 p.m. HST.**

The AANAPISI Scholarship Program supports the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project, which was launched last year by APIASF along with the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) to help realize the full degree-earning potential of the AAPI student population.

The AANAPISI Scholarship Program is being supported by ETS, USA Funds, Walmart Foundation, and Wells Fargo; while the PEER project is funded by The Kresge Foundation, USA Funds, and the Walmart Foundation.

For the application and complete eligibility requirements, [click here](#). If you are interested in volunteering as a reader for this scholarship program this October, please email APIASF Scholarship Director, Cecilia Marshall at cmarshall@apiasf.org.

AANAPISI Profile: Richland College

As APIASF works to accelerate AAPI student success across the United States and in the Pacific Islands, the organization has developed a series of partnerships with institutions, researchers, community groups and other nonprofit organizations to create a broad infrastructure to support students. One of the most important partners in this work are Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs). These institutions serve high concentrations of low-income AAPI students and allow APIASF to provide targeted programs that will create maximum impact.

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Scholar Profile



"In order to bring change for the betterment of our growing minority group, I desire to expand my knowledge beyond books and apply my studies to my community. Thank you to APIASF and donors, for recognizing that even with the model minority assumptions, we still need assistance to help us achieve our dreams."

Sabrina Jueseekul
2012 - 2013 APIASF /
USA Funds Community
College Scholar

Attending
De Anza College
Majoring in Asian
American Studies

As the most newly recognized minority serving institutions, there is a lack of awareness about the role AANAPISIs and the work of these institutions to help facilitate access to higher education for thousands of AAPI students each year. To help increase awareness, APIASF will be highlighting these schools through an ongoing series of profiles. To kick-off the series, APIASF will begin with Richland College in Dallas, Texas.

Richland College received the AANAPISI designation in 2010 and is one of only 21 institutions that has received funding through the grant program. Between 14-16 percent of Richland's students identify as Asian American and for the 2011-2012 academic year 24 percent of the institution's graduates were Asian American.

The AANAPISI funding at Richland has been directed to help increase success for under-resourced students through faculty development, retention and academic support in core curriculum courses including providing loaned textbooks for qualified students.

The college also supports a diverse community in Dallas that also includes many refugee communities. Texas has one of the highest concentrations of Bhutanese refugees in the nation. Many of these students have been supported through Richland's English Speakers of Other Languages Department that helps foreign-born students learn English and pursue their academic goals.

For more information about APIASF's work with AANAPISIs, check out [APIASF's scalable model of change on the Social Impact Exchange's S&I 100 Index of Top Nonprofits Creating Social Impact](#).

In the photo below from the APIASF Community Reception at Richland College are: Dr. Zarina Blankenbaker, Vice President for Teaching & Learning at Richland College; Michael Fung, Chair of the APIASF Board of Directors; Dr. Kay Eggleston, President of Richland College; and Neil Horikoshi, President & Executive Director of APIASF.



Support AAPI Students in Higher Education and Beyond Through the Next 10 Initiative

Volunteer Profile



"APIASF offers scholarships to help individuals attend college by assisting with the financial costs associated with it. Having dealt with the same financial hurdles myself, I decided to dedicate my time to helping deserving individuals achieve their goals. It's personally rewarding to know that my contribution will help make a difference in their lives."

Reno Suwarno
APIASF Volunteer and
Claims Finance at
Farmers Insurance

**Save the Date:
APIASF GSU Event**

On Saturday, September 14 APIASF will be hosting a special leadership workshop at Georgia State University. The FREE event will provide students with leadership development,

With the new academic year approaching, we want to thank those of you who have stepped forward to make a contribution to the Next Ten, APIASF's 10-year anniversary giving initiative. Within four months, APIASF has raised more than \$2,200 in support of APIASF's work through the generous donations of 40 individual donors. Thank you for supporting our work to create opportunities for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students to access higher education, earn a degree and succeed in their careers.

As APIASF continues to celebrate our first 10 years of making a difference in the lives of AAPI students, we can't forget the thousands of applicants who were unable to receive a scholarship this year due to limited funding. Please join our effort to help close this gap and ensure that AAPI students have opportunities to succeed in higher education that will serve as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a stronger America.

Every gift to APIASF makes a difference in the lives of Scholars and our goal is to raise \$10,000 in individual donations in 10 months, but we can't make it there alone. Please consider making a donation - however big or small - to make our next 10 years a success. Thank you to the 40 generous individuals who have already lead the way in making a small gift. [Click here to lend your support to the Next 10 initiative.](#)

Check Out *re/represent* for Helpful Hints for Transitioning Back to School

For the month of August, [re/represent: live. learn. lead.](#) will be focused on an important and relevant topic for this time of year - transitions. Whether you're entering college for the first time, seeking employment as a recent graduate, or expecting an addition to your family, change is everywhere. Throughout the month, we will be covering different types of transitions and providing resources to help you respond to them. We recognize that every transition is an opportunity for growth, and hope you join us as we #repTransitions so we can grow together!



In July, we sought to make the most of the summertime by committing to #repSummer. To see how some of our Scholars have stayed productive this summer, [click here!](#)

career guidance and financial literacy training. More information will be available at www.apiasf.org next week.

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