



GAY ASIAN PACIFIC ALLIANCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(please TYPE or PRINT)

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Permanent Address _____

Phone Number _____
(day) _____ (evening) _____

Current Address _____
(if different from permanent)

Email Address _____

PART II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School
Attending/Attended _____ Yr. Graduated _____
(name) (city/state)

Postsecondary
School Attending _____ Yr. in School _____
(name) (city/state)

Field of Study
and Degree _____
Major (proposed or declared) Minor (proposed or declared, if applicable)

Academic Status _____
Anticipated Degree Anticipated Graduation Date

Current GPA (attach most recent transcripts)

How many units will you carry during the applicable term(s)? _____

PART III. SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION

- A. I certify that the information I have presented in this application form, and any attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- B. I understand that the names of recipients of scholarship support from the GAPA Foundation Scholarship are listed in GAPA publications and reports.
- C. I understand that my presence may be required for GAPA events, including the scholarship award banquet.

NAME (printed) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

PART IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. How has being API and/or LGBTQ impacted your life?

2. Why do you think you would be a good leader in our community? What kind of experiences have you had that corroborate this?

PART V. Essay Question (500 word limit, use separate sheet)

(Applicants applying post-high school: community college, 4-year college/university, trade/vocational school): What do you see as the most significant challenge facing the LGBTQ API community in the next 5 years? How does that align or differ from the challenges facing the greater API and LGBTQ communities? How do you think you could contribute to help address that challenge?

(High school applicants): What do you feel is a significant challenge facing API and LGBTQ students in high school? How do you anticipate addressing this challenge from what you will learn after high school?



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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES 2013

What is GAPA Foundation?

GAPA Foundation is a philanthropic organization that provides funds and leverages resources to empower the API LGBTQ community. Our vision is to achieve a nationally influential API LGBTQ community that provides and amplifies our collective voices to promote equality and positive social perception.

Our Goals

- Collaborate and partner with community organizations and with supported organizations/individuals
- Explore and support innovative programs
- Engage and partner with donors and supporters to provide accountability, transparency, and value
- Nurture and support organizations for future growth and independence through mentorship and leadership development
- Embrace diversity and promote visibility
- Realize our donors' vision

What is the GAPA Foundation Scholarship?

The purpose of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) Foundation Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Asian and Pacific Islander (API) students in high school; undergraduate, graduate or professional school; or trade or vocational school who are interested in activism in the API and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) communities.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Application must be postmarked by **June 15, 2013**.
- Up to three awards of up to \$1000 each may be given.
- Awards will be granted directly to student recipients and may be presented by GAPA.
- Parts of the scholarship recipient's essay may be included in a GAPA announcement of the awardee.
- At their discretion, the GAPA Foundation scholarship committee may require an interview to determine the recipient(s). This may be done in person (if the applicant resides within the San Francisco Bay Area), or via phone if the applicant is physically unable to attend.
- GAPA may require the presence of the scholarship recipient at GAPA events (minimum of 1 event, in addition to the award banquet)

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

Applicants eligible for scholarship support must:

- Be a) in the process of applying to, or b) currently attending a post-secondary undergraduate institution; (college, university, community college or vocational school)
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or better (on a scale of 4.0)
- Have a strong history of activism within either the API and/or LGBT communities; however, applicants need not identify as either to apply. Preference will be given to those who identify as both API and LGBT.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for scholarship support, eligible applicants must:

- Complete the GAPA Foundation scholarship application form including the 2 short responses and the essay;
- Attach the most recent transcript(s) to verify GPA
- Attach at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills
- Possibility of an in-person or phone interview

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Do you meet all the Minimum Eligibility requirements?
- ☐ Did you complete the GAPA Foundation Scholarship application form?
- ☐ Did you sign the application form?
- ☐ Did you attach a copy of your most recent transcripts to verify GPA?
- ☐ Did you attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills?
- ☐ Did you complete and attach a 500 word essay?
- ☐ Is all information typed or printed?

Send completed application form and attachments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2013**, to:

GAPA Foundation
PO Box 22482
San Francisco, CA 94122