



Asian American Studies Program
Scholarship Application Packet
2012-2013

Application Deadline:
Friday, March 30, 2012 by 5:00 pm

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INTRODUCTION & SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND

The Asian American Studies (AAS) Scholarship Program awards annual scholarships for University of Maryland students who demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, leadership, and community service. Scholarship recipients are recognized by distinguished AAS Scholarship Committee members, faculty, staff, and students at the AAS Minor Banquet in late Spring. Many past recipients have gone on to serve as accomplished leaders in a range of notable professions.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, AAS is proud to offer the following four scholarships established in honor of Asian Americans who exemplify the spirit of service to our nation.

Timothy J Ng Scholarship in Asian American Studies

Timothy J Ng (born 1950) retired in 2008 after serving as Associate Vice President for Research and Professor of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture. Previously, he served as Acting Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, in addition to Interim Director of Asian American Studies (2004- 2006) at a critical juncture for the program. Under his leadership, a permanent director position for Asian American Studies was established in 2006. The scholarship was endowed in 2008 by gifts from Dr. Ng, colleagues, and friends to honor his numerous contributions and efforts to advance Asian American Studies at the University of Maryland.

Linh-Thong Huu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship

Linh-Thong Huu Nguyen (April 21, 1974 - February 25, 2007) emigrated from Vietnam with his family at the age of one and grew up in Columbia, Maryland. Early on, "Tone" experienced the need for building bridges between communities through shared culture, beliefs, and values. In 1995, as a member of the Asian American Student Union, Tone and four fellow students led grassroots student-organized efforts that resulted in the offering of the University's first course in Asian American Studies. The scholarship honors Tone's life and his key role in the collective efforts and vision of the five students that bravely advocated for an Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland.

Philip Vera Cruz Outstanding Community Service Scholarship

Philip Vera Cruz (December 25, 1904 - June 12, 1994) was a Filipino American labor leader, farmworker, and leader in the Asian American civil rights movement. He was a co-founder of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, which later merged with the National Farm Workers Association to become the United Farm Workers. As the union's long-time Vice President, he worked to improve the working conditions for migrant workers. With Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Larry Itliong, and Pete Velasco, Vera Cruz led the 1965 Delano Strike against the grape growers of California.

Major General Antonio Taguba Profiles in Courage and Leadership Scholarship

Antonio Mario Taguba (born 1950) is a retired Major General in the United States Army having served 34 years on active duty. He is the second Filipino American to attain the rank of General Officer in the U.S. Army. General Taguba is best known for authoring the Taguba Report, an internal U.S. Army report on detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, which was leaked and published in 2004. His courage and steadfast commitment to integrity in the face of adversity are admired by all who know him. Today, General Taguba gives generously of his time nationally and abroad to educate and mentor future generations of leaders. This scholarship was established by the Filipino Cultural Association at the University of Maryland in 2008 to honor General Taguba and his dedication to young people.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply:

- ☞ Applicant must be in good judicial standing.
- ☞ Applicant must be in good academic standing. (NOTE: Good Academic Standing is defined at all times as the minimum GPA (2.0) required to remain an active student at the University.)
- ☞ Applicant must not be graduating before the Spring 2012 semester and must be a registered full-time student (12+ credits).
- ☞ Students applying for the *Linh-Thong Huu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship* must declare an AAST minor by end of the Spring 2012 semester. Students applying for the *Major General Antonio Taguba Profiles in Courage and Leadership Scholarship* must be a declared AAST minor or Army/Air Force ROTC candidate who is/has/will be enrolled in an AAST course.
- ☞ Applicant must submit a complete application in order to be considered for an award.
- ☞ Student must not be previously awarded the same scholarship from the Asian American Studies Program.
- ☞ Current freshmen should only apply once his/her first semester grades are final.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The following are procedures for scholarship applications:

- ☞ Complete the Scholarship Application Packet (A complete Application Packet includes: Application Form, Volunteer/Experience Form or Résumé, Essay(s), Unofficial Transcript, Financial Aid Offer Letter, Statement of Financial Aid (if applicable), Signed Application Checklist).
- ☞ Submit complete Application Packet to the address below by 5:00pm on Friday, March 30, 2012. Application Packets can be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below, or emailed to aast@umd.edu.

**Attn: AAST Scholarship Committee
Asian American Studies Program
University of Maryland
1145 Cole Student Activities Building
College Park, MD 20742**

- ☞ Recipients will be notified in mid-April 2012.



APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly. Thoroughly read all application materials prior to completing this form.

Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

University ID Number: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Campus/Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Major(s): _____ Current Minor(s): _____

Work/Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

Please indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. (Refer to pages 2 and 3 for a description of the scholarships and eligibility requirements, respectively):

- ☐ Timothy J Ng Scholarship in Asian American Studies (\$500)
- ☐ Linh- Thong Huu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)
- ☐ Philip Vera Cruz Outstanding Community Service Scholarship (\$1000)
- ☐ Major General Taguba Profiles in Courage and Leadership Scholarship (\$1000)

Note: Only **one** application form is required if applying for multiple scholarships. However, please complete the essay question for each corresponding scholarship.

Authorization Waiver:

I hereby authorize the Director of the Asian American Studies Program to share my academic, judicial, and financial aid records with the 2012-2013 AAST Scholarship Committee for their use in the selection process for this scholarship award.

Student Signature

Date



RECENT VOLUNTEER / WORK / EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

*(Please feel free to add additional pages if necessary. Alternately, a **résumé** may be submitted.)*

Organization/Employer: _____ Dates: _____ to _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Brief Description: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Instructions for essays:

Minimum of 500 words/maximum of 1,000 words typed (Times New Roman, 12 point, double-spaced).
Respond to the question that corresponds with the scholarship to which you are applying.

Timothy J Ng Scholarship in Asian American Studies

How have your academic achievement and leadership skills evolved since starting at the University of Maryland, and how have those achievements and skills shaped you as a person? Describe how these achievements have benefitted the lives of Asian Americans. Use specific examples.

Linh-Thong Huu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship

As a college student at the University of Maryland, how will your education in Asian American Studies help you contribute to the betterment of society?

Philip Verz Cruz Outstanding Community Service Scholarship

How will your education in Asian American Studies allow you to better serve your community? Describe your specific community service experience and how a college education related to serving an underserved and underrepresented population.

Major General Antonio Taguba Profiles in Courage and Leadership Scholarship

What courage and leadership skills are you honing as a college student that would be valued in the public sector? Describe how your academic diligence, extracurricular activity, and community involvement might prepare you for federal public service, whether military or civilian. Be specific.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and signed <i>Application Form</i> (p. 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unofficial Transcript |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <i>Recent Volunteer/ Work/ Extra-curricular Experience Form</i> (p. 5) or <i>Resume</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Offer Letter (from Testudo) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay(s) (p. 6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Financial Need (if applicable) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and initialed <i>Application Checklist</i> (p.7) |

- ✓ I acknowledge that my application will not be reviewed if any portion is incomplete. Check off each application requirement and initial here: _____

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding the scholarships or the application process can be directed to:

Grace Lee (gleeaast@umd.edu)
Program Coordinator, Asian American Studies Program

Please include "AAST Scholarships" in the subject line when e-mailing.

DEADLINE & MAILING ADDRESS

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