2020 CCAPW SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER WOMEN

Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW) announces that scholarships are available for the 2020-2021 academic year. The scholarships provide financial assistance to Asian and Pacific Islander (API) women pursuing higher education who are from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus or Tulare County. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following priorities but not limited to: First-generation student, academic achievement, leadership, contribution to the API community, and ethnic diversity. Applicants must be an entering/continuing undergraduate, entering/continuing graduate, or re-entry student in a post-secondary educational institution (i.e. vocational programs, trade school, college, university, etc.).

**Deadline for online submission of application and materials: APRIL 30, 2020.**

Scholarship award recipients will be notified in May 2020. The scholarship awards will be presented at the Annual Scholarship Gala on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

To apply, go to [www.ccapw.org/scholarships/](http://www.ccapw.org/scholarships/)

Questions can be sent to ccapwscholarship@gmail.com.
Purpose
● To recognize API women of outstanding achievements.
● To provide financial assistance to API women pursuing post-secondary education.

Eligibility
● The applicant must identify as an API woman.
● The applicant must be able to provide a social security number or tax ID number if selected as a scholarship recipient.
● The applicant must either be a current resident at the time of completing the application or must originally be from the following 8 counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare.
● The applicant must be an entering/continuing undergraduate, entering/continuing graduate, or re-entry student in a post-secondary educational institution.

Selection Priorities
● First-generation in their family to attend post-secondary education: We seek to support students whose parents have not earned educational degrees/certificates/licenses beyond the high school level.
● Financial need: This priority is intended to direct our scholarship funds toward students from underserved families with limited resources to pay for post-secondary education.
● Academic achievement: Overall academic achievement will be evaluated.
● Leadership qualities: We look for applicants who demonstrate individual leadership abilities, whether in their school, family, community, or other extracurricular activities and volunteerism.
● Contributions to API community: We value engagement in the API community and seek applicants who: 1) Have a sense of what their API background means to them, and 2) Currently contribute (or plan to contribute in the future) to their API community.

Available Scholarship Awards
● GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Several general scholarships will be awarded for all areas of study.
● THROUGH THE STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION:
  o CCAPW SCHOLARSHIP: Established by CCAPW’s fund. One award to a student pursuing an associate's degree in one of the colleges in the State Center Community College District.
  o GENE & GENEVIEVE LEW SCHOLARSHIP: Established by the Lew family, parents of former CCAPW president, Gena Lew Gong. One award to a student pursuing an associate’s degree in one of the colleges in the State Center Community College
District.

- **MAE TAKAHASHI SCHOLARSHIP**: One award to a student pursuing a career in a health or business profession.
- **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**: Award(s) to student(s) pursuing studies at the graduate level.
- **MALA SCHOLARSHIPS**: Established by Geri Yang-Johnson, philanthropist and board member of the California Wellness Foundation. Five scholarships to students at vocational program/trade school or undergraduate levels.

**Application Procedures**
1. Only online submissions will be accepted. The submission portal can be found at [www.ccapw.org/scholarships/](http://www.ccapw.org/scholarships/).
2. Download a blank copy of the online application at [www.ccapw.org/scholarships/](http://www.ccapw.org/scholarships/).
3. Upload all of the following documents when you submit your online application. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.
   a. **A copy of your SAR from FAFSA (or your CAR from CADAA, if applicable)**. SAR stands for Student Aid Report, provided when a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is processed. CAR stands for California Aid Report, provided when a CADAA (California Dream Act Application) is processed.
   b. **One letter of recommendation**. The letter of recommendation should be from someone who can share something meaningful about you.
   c. **A copy of your transcripts (official or unofficial)** from your most recent educational institution.
   d. **Evidence of acceptance**. A copy of your acceptance letter or email from an educational institution.
   e. **A headshot-style photograph of yourself**.
4. The online application must be received no later than **APRIL 30, 2020**.

**Awards Information**
- The total number of awards and award amounts given each year will be dependent on the funds raised by CCAPW.
- Awards will be announced in May 2020. All applicants will be notified by email and/or phone.
- If awarded the scholarship, **the recipient must attend the CCAPW Annual Scholarship Gala on Thursday, June 18, 2020**.

Questions regarding the scholarship or application process can be emailed to: [ccapwscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ccapwscholarship@gmail.com)