

NOTE TO FAS Applicants: Students from FSM, Palau, and the Marshall Islands are also eligible for the Gates Millennium Scholars program. The APIASF scholarship can be used in colleges in the Pacific Islands and the GMS award can only be used at U.S. accredited schools and universities. The Office of Insular Affairs provides this information as a courtesy to the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) to help promote visibility and information especially to the Pacific Islander communities that we serve. For further information, please contact the APIASF (<http://apiasf.org>). Established in 2003, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the primary national organization that promotes the pursuit of higher education of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans by distributing scholarships to qualified first-year undergraduate college, university, and vocational school students.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the primary organization making a national effort to provide scholarships for deserving Asian & Pacific Islander American students. Our mission is to forge partnerships building a national Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship organization that supports and encourages all Asian and Pacific Islander American students to pursue higher education, thereby developing future leaders who will contribute back to their communities, and ultimately, strengthening America.

APIASF currently administers two scholarships for Asian and Pacific Islander American students that will be enrolled for the first-time at colleges or universities.

DEADLINE:

Applications are available in the Fall of every year and must be completed by mid-January.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.apiasf.org

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www.gmsp.org

(toll-free) 877-808-7032

APIASF SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the 2000 Census.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. National, legal permanent resident, or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.
- Be a first-time, incoming college student in the Fall of the next academic year
- Be enrolled full-time in a two or four-year program at a U.S. accredited college or university in the U.S., Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the 2007-2008 school year (enrollment is verified in the Spring of 2007). In the Freely Associated States, this includes the Community Colleges of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau.
- Have a cumulative, unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the G.E.D. equivalent.

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

APIASF administers the GMS Program for Asian and Pacific Islander American students.

- Be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- Be a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States
- Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
- Will be enrolling for the first-time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full time, degree-seeking first year student in the Fall of the next academic year
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extra-curricular or other activities
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. (Eligibility for Federal Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs)
- Have all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) completed and submitted by the deadline.