

Announcement: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission's AAPI (Asian American & Pacific Islander) Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

Recognizing the attribution of higher education to personal and professional success, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission (AAC) is pleased to establish an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1000 for an incoming or current college student to use towards their undergraduate education expenses. We would like to consider candidates who would like to continue his or her studies towards a career in health, human or social services and/or civic engagement and have a passion for giving back to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Massachusetts.

Applicant Criterion:

1. You must have been a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for at least the last five years,
2. A young person of Asian or Pacific Islander descent,
3. GPA of a 3.0 or better and either enrolled in or planning to attend an undergraduate community, public, or private institution in the state of Massachusetts. (Please submit an acceptance letter, a college course schedule, or transcript.)

Important Dates:

1. Application due August 18, 2017
2. Final interviews to be held the week of August 28, 2017
3. Finalist will be chosen by September 8, 2017
4. Scholarship to be presented at the Commonwealth of MA Asian American Commission's Young Leaders' Symposium on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Vietnamese American Community Center (VietAID), 42 Charles Street, Dorchester, MA.
5. Scholarship winner will submit receipts for reimbursement from the Commonwealth of MA Asian American Commission for books or tuition up to the amount of \$1,000 by the end of May 2018.

The application must be fully completed and returned (via email, hand-delivery, or regular mail) to Bora Chiemruom, Executive Director for the the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission by August 18, 2017 for consideration.

Thank you for your interest in applying for this opportunity. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or additional suggestions.

Thank you,

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Application Form: AAC AAPI Scholarship

Applicant	
College	
Year of College Fall 2017	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Please type and limit your responses for each question to 500 words.

1. Please elaborate on your background. Include challenges you may have, educational experience, community involvement, work experience, and, if applicable, your role model or mentor.
2. In your opinion, what are your thoughts regarding the biggest challenges the AAPI communities in Massachusetts are facing and what suggestions do you have to address them? (Feel free to share your thoughts on the overall AAPI population or specific AAPI communities.)
3. Explain one or two of the largest successes the AAPI communities in Massachusetts have been able to achieve.
4. What are your hopes and dreams? How would they align with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission's mission statement?
5. Where do you plan to settle after graduation?
6. Why should the selection committee choose you for the scholarship?