

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 \$1,000 for an incoming or current college student to use towards their undergraduate education expenses.

Additionally, we have two secondary scholarship awards in the amounts of \$500 and \$250. These scholarships were gifted to the Commission in 2018 by Asian American Commissioner, Mabel S. Lam, PhD in memory of her mother, May Thin Suey Lew. In the short 51 years of her life, May was a strong community supporter and advocate. In honor of May and her work, we will consider candidates who wish 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. A permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for at least the last five years,
2. A 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 25, 2018
2. Final interviews to be held the week of September 3, 2018
3. Finalists will be chosen by September 15, 2018
4. Scholarships to be presented at the Commonwealth of MA Asian American Commission's Young Leaders' Symposium on Saturday, September 22, 2018 (time: TBD) at the Vietnamese American Community Center at VietAID, 42 Charles Street, Dorchester, MA.
5. Scholarship winners will submit receipts for reimbursement from the Commonwealth of MA Asian American Commission for books or tuition up to the respective value of the scholarships (\$1,000, \$500 or \$250) by the end of May 2019.

The application must be fully completed and returned (via email, hand-delivery, or regular mail) to Jenny Chiang, Executive Director for the the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission by August 25, 2018 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 2018	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Please type and limit your responses for each question to 250 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? What do you believe the AAPI communities have done well to address them? What can they do better? (Feel free to share your thoughts on the overall AAPI population or specific AAPI communities.)
3. What are your hopes and dreams? How would they align with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission's mission statement?
4. What goals post-graduation will this scholarship help you to achieve?