

AAJA SACRAMENTO 2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Asian American Journalists Association strives to encourage Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to enter the ranks of journalism, to work for fair and accurate coverage of our communities and to promote the advancement of our members into positions of leadership in our industry.

AAJA Sacramento is offering up to \$2,500 in scholarships for students who are enrolled in a college or university within the chapter's membership area or have a permanent address within those boundaries. AAJA Sacramento encompasses the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, as far north as the Oregon border.

>> See back for complete application instructions

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name (First, Middle, Last) _____ Date of birth _____

Address while at school (City, State, ZIP) _____ Telephone number _____

Permanent address (City, State, ZIP) _____ Email address _____

School _____ Current year _____ Expected grad. date _____

Major _____ G.P.A. _____

Racial/Ethnic Identification (Optional*)

() Chinese () Filipino () Japanese () Korean () Middle Eastern () Pacific Islander () South Asian
() Southeast Asian () Multiracial (Asian/Pacific Islander) (Other): _____

*While answering is voluntary, the information will assist with planning our programs/services.

Have you ever received an AAJA scholarship? () No () Yes
If yes, please state details (i.e. year, name of scholarship, chapter): _____

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

>> Estimated College Expenses for the 2011-2012 School Year

Expenses:		Income:		Subtract Income From Expenses	
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____	Total Income	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____	Job/Work Study	\$ _____	- Total Expenses	\$ _____
Books/Supplies	\$ _____	Grants: Pell, etc.	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	Scholarship Awards	\$ _____		
Personal Expenses	\$ _____	Family Contribution	\$ _____		
		Other Gifts	\$ _____		
Total Expenses	\$ _____	Total Income	\$ _____		

>> VERIFICATION: STUDENT

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects, and that I intend to pursue a career in journalism. I also affirm that the award of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in the accredited institution listed on my application, and that the funds, if awarded, will be used toward the cost of my education. I further affirm that, as a condition of receiving the funds, I will submit a progress report at the end of each semester.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

>> VERIFICATION: PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18)

I authorize the student named above to apply for the AAJA Sacramento scholarships.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

>> Applications must be received by **June 1, 2011**
For more information, contact **Sandy Louey** at slouey@juno.com



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ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

>> Applicants must be committed to AAJA's mission.

>> Applicants must demonstrate journalistic excellence, a strong interest in pursuing journalism as a career, and a commitment to community involvement.

>> Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled full time with at least 12 credit units each semester for the fall of 2010 and spring of 2011 school year. Applicants must be currently taking or planning to take journalism courses and/or pursuing journalism as a career.

>> Candidates will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated journalistic ability, financial need, commitment to the field of journalism and/or sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues.

>> AAJA membership is encouraged for all applicants and required for the selected scholarship recipients. For membership, please apply online at: www.aaja.org.

TO APPLY

Please read the following instructions carefully. Submit four complete, collated sets (one original, three copies) of each of the following items. Use paper clips, not staples.

1) COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM

2) RÉSUMÉ

Must be on one single-sided 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. List your educational background, work history, awards, journalism related internships, other scholarships, language proficiency and any work done for your school or community newspaper, radio and/or television.

3) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Transcripts may not be sent separately.

4) TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters should come from a professional who is familiar with your academic and/or journalism work.

5) SHORT ESSAY

The essay should not exceed 500 words, must be typed and double-spaced. Please respond to the following: Describe any involvement or interest you have in the Asian American/Pacific Islander community. If you were awarded an AAJA scholarship, propose how you would contribute to the field of journalism and media issues involving the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

6) WORK SAMPLES: Note that samples will not be returned.

PHOTOJOURNALISM APPLICANTS: Please submit a portfolio containing no more than 10 entries. A picture story is considered one entry. Published and unpublished photographs will be considered. Entries may be black-and-white or color prints, slides, clippings, CDs or URLs. Prints/clippings should be no larger than 8.5" x 11". Complete caption information must be included along with the images.

PRINT APPLICANTS: Send four copies of up to four articles photocopied or printed on 8.5" x 11". Do not send tearsheets or term papers.

BROADCAST APPLICANTS: Radio applicants should send up to three stories (total length of less than 10 minutes) all copied onto four CDs. TV applicants should send up to three stories (total length of less than 10 minutes) copied onto four DVDs.

>> **Very important: All applications must be collated in the above order, e.g. one form, then one résumé, then one transcript, etc. Not three résumés together, etc. Any applications not collated correctly or incomplete may be disqualified. Do not use folders or binders.**

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail four collated sets of your application materials in one envelope to:

AAJA Sacramento Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 189034

Sacramento, CA 95818