

2016 APCA SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Questions

G1. How many scholarships are available this year and what is the amount of each scholarship?

For the 2016 APCA Scholarship Program, we will award 28 national scholarships worth \$2000 each. One national scholarship will be reserved for children or dependents of APCA members. Applicants who are not awarded a national scholarship will be automatically considered for state scholarships.

- APCA National Scholarships (\$2000 scholarships)
- Students residing in the following states will be eligible for the APCA State Scholarships:
 - California, Nevada (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Georgia (\$2000 scholarships)
 - Hawaii (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Midwest States (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI) (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Metro DC (Washington D.C., MD, VA) (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Mountain States (AZ, CO) (\$1000 scholarships)
 - New Jersey (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Texas (\$1000 scholarships)
 - Washington State (\$1000 scholarships)

G2. Do I need to apply separately for the state scholarship?

No. Applicants do not need to submit a separate application for state scholarship. An eligible applicant who is not awarded a national scholarship will be automatically considered for the state scholarship.

G3. Can I receive a national as well as state scholarship?

No. If a student is awarded the national scholarship, they will not be considered for a state scholarship.

G4. How and when will scholarship recipients be announced?

The APCA Program Committee will notify the scholarship recipients (via phone call and letter) and their schools (via email) before the end of May 2016. Scholarship recipients will also be published on the APCA website.

G5. How can I find out the status of my application?

Upon successful submission, each applicant will receive email confirmation of the receipt of the application. APCA scholarship committee will notify all applicants of the result after all scholarship recipients are selected.

G6. How do I contact APCA Scholarship Program?

You can email scholarship@apca-att.org for any questions during the process.

Eligibility Requirements

E1. Who is eligible to apply for APCA Scholarship?

APCA Scholarship is open to anyone who meets ALL of the following eligibility requirements:

- All full-time graduating high school seniors in good academic standing (minimum unweighted GPA 3.40 on 4-point scale), of any ethnic or cultural background, who plan to attend an accredited college or university (2-year and 4-year) in Fall 2016.
- Applicants who are United States citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- Applicants who are residents of one of the following states or metropolitan area where we currently have APCA chapters: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area (Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia).

E2. Is this scholarship open to high school seniors in any state of the U.S?

High school seniors from any of the states where we have a local APCA chapter can apply. Applicant will need to be residents of one of the following states or metropolitan area where we currently have APCA chapters: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area (Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia).

E3. I live in Portland, OR. Am I eligible to apply for APCA scholarship?

The scholarship is not available for residents of state of Oregon since we do not have an APCA chapter in the state.

E4. I do not live in the Washington DC area but I live in VA. Are residents of Virginia eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Yes, residents of Virginia are eligible since Virginia is considered part of the D.C. Metropolitan Area as represented by our Metro DC chapter.

E5. Is the scholarship available only to Asian Pacific Islanders?

Ethnicity is not among the eligibility requirements. APCA Scholarship is open to all qualifying students meeting the eligibility requirements.

E6. Do I need to be a child or legal dependent of an APCA member to be eligible?

No. Eligibility is not limited to children or legal dependents of APCA members. APCA Scholarship is open to all qualifying students meeting the eligibility requirements.

E7. Do I need to be a child or legal dependent of an AT&T employee to be eligible?

No. Eligibility is not limited to children or legal dependents of AT&T Employees. APCA scholarship is open to all qualifying students meeting the eligibility requirements.

E8. I am currently a freshman in college. Can I apply for the APCA scholarship or is it only offered to graduating high school seniors?

No. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors only.

E9. I am planning to attend college next year however i am not a graduating senior this year. I had taken a break after graduating from high school. Am I eligible to apply for this scholarship?

No. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors only.

E10. I understand that students must attend high school full-time in order to be eligible. I participate in a program (which I believe is unique to Washington state) called Running Start, so that I am taking some of my classes at a local college, and some at my current high school. Am I still eligible to apply for the scholarship?

If you are a high school senior enrolled in Running Start, you are eligible to apply as long as your transcript verifies that you received both High School and College credit for these courses.

Application Materials

A1. Where can I get a copy of the application package?

APCA scholarship application package is available for download at <http://apca-att.org/scholarship.html>

A2. How do I submit my application, now that I have downloaded the package?

The scholarship application must be completed and submitted online by 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on January 31, 2016 using the instructions provided at <http://apca-att.org/scholarship.html>
For successful completion and processing of your application please follow the instructions below:

- Complete the scholarship application. The application must be saved using the following file name format *FirstName_LastName_Application* in a .doc/.docx or PDF format.
- Obtain one letter of recommendation. The recommendation letter must be saved in the following file name format *FirstName_LastName_Recommendation* and submitted in a .doc/.docx, PDF, or JPEG file that is no greater than 1.0MB in size.

Upload all documents online at <http://apca-att.org/scholarship.html>.

A3. Do I need to submit my transcript with my application?

No. Transcripts are not needed as part of the initial application. Students are required to enter their GPA & scale in the online application form from the latest transcript available and indicate whether it is unweighted or weighted. If the transcript has unweighted and weighted GPAs, both should be entered

A4. Is there a mailing address where I can mail my application to?

No. Applications are processed electronically and must be submitted via the online form.

A5. Is there a fax number where I can fax my application to?

No. Applications are processed electronically and must be submitted via the online form.

A6. My fall semester/term transcript will not be ready before the deadline. What are my options?

Fall semester grades are not required at the time of application. Student shall enter the GPA and scale from the latest available transcript. Only students who are selected for the final round of review will be asked to submit their transcripts via email by the school.

A7. I do not know my GPA scale. Where can I get that information?

Please check with your school registrar or counselor for this information. This information is required for your application.

A8. Does the preparer of the recommendation letter need to hold any special position in a community?

The preparer does not need to hold any special position in a community as long as he/she is not a relative or family member of yours.

A9. In regards to the essay for the APCA scholarship, is there a specific topic that is supposed to be addressed or is it a free range type of essay for the applicants?

The detailed instructions for the essay can be found on page 7 of the application package. Your essay should start on page 8 (last page) of the application package as instructed.

A10. Should the essay only address one of the four questions listed under the theme "Making a Difference in My Community", or is it required that I equally address all four questions within my essay?

Please compose an essay to address all four questions as well as anything you feel relevant to the theme provided based on your personal experience.

A11. In the activities section of the APCA scholarship application, should I list my counselor as the contact for all of them? She is familiar with all of my activities and can testify to their validity.

If an activity was associated with an organization outside of your school, it is better for you to provide a contact within that organization. For activities within your school, your counselor can be used as the contact if she is familiar with what you did.

A12. For contact numbers for these activities, can I provide email addresses instead of telephone numbers?

Students must provide both email addresses and telephone numbers. Email will be the primary means of contact and in the event the contact cannot be reached via email, attempt will be made to reach them via phone.

A13. I would like to make changes to the application I submitted. Can I re-submit my application?

We recommend that you carefully review the application for accuracy before it is submitted. If

you have questions or revisions to the submitted application, please reply to the confirmation email that you received upon submission of the application for further assistance.

A14. What should I do when my recommender or school registrar wants to submit the document for me confidentially?

If you are not able to provide the recommendation letter due to confidentiality concerns, please upload placeholder documents with a message indicating that the recommender or school registrar will send the files directly to scholarship@apca-att.org. When you submit your scholarship application online, you can include a dummy letter of recommendation. There is a field in the online application form that allows you to indicate the fact that the letter of recommendation has been emailed to us. The field is labeled "*Application Notes (Optional)*". Please also include the date when the letter was emailed to us. **It is your responsibility for making sure that we receive your recommendation letter by the application deadline.**