New Scholarships Available for Asian & Pacific Islander Students

South students to receive fifty scholarships

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the largest non-profit organization to provide college scholarships to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. The organization has created the APIASF Community College Scholarship Program with scholarships ranging from $2,250 to $5,000 each during the 2012-2013 academic school year.

The largest population of AAPI students is in the community college sector. The APIASF scholarship fund is designed to give AAPI students access to higher education and help develop role models and train future leaders in their communities.

The APIASF Community College Scholarship Program also supports the new Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project. The PEER project is a three-year, two million dollar investment supported by the Kresge Foundation, USA Funds, and the Walmart Foundation. The PEER project also collaborates with South Seattle Community College, one of the three APIASF Community College Scholarship Program institutions.

To be eligible, students must be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census, be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S. or a citizen of the Freely Associate States, and intend to receive an Associate and/or Bachelor's degree at South during the 2012-2013 school year. Applicants must also apply for federal Financial Aid for the 2012-2013 school year, although applicants do not necessarily need to be recipients of federal aid to be eligible for a scholarship. The application deadline is October 12, 2012.

The scholarship application is online at: www.apiasf.org.

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