



# APIA Scholarship Application Guide

Please consider this a useful guide to help you prepare for the scholarship application.

With advanced preparation, the online application should take 30-60 minutes to finish.

## Step 1: Personal Information

Standard questions such as contact information, biodata, ethnicity, gender, etc.

This is also where you will put the information for your recommender to submit their letter of recommendation. **Double check your recommender's contact info is accurate before putting it in the application.**

## Step 2: Family Education

Be prepared to know your parent(s)/guardian(s)'s highest level of completed education.

## Steps 3 and 4: High School and College Information

Basic information about your high school and college, your current student status (i.e.: are you a graduating high school senior or a current undergraduate college student) including GPA, your future student status (i.e.: what year of college you will be in).

If you are already a college student, you will provide information about your current college and major. If you are not yet a college student, you will provide information about your intended college and area of study.

## Step 5: Financial Information

Be prepared to know you and/or your family's total gross income from the previous year.

If you are selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit your Student Aid Report from the FAFSA for the upcoming academic year for verification purposes.

## Step 6: Extracurricular Activities, Work Experience & Family Responsibilities

Prepare a list of your extracurricular activities and work positions, and any substantial family responsibilities you have. Include descriptions, start and end dates, and amount of time per week for these.

It is not required to have any extracurricular or work experience, particularly if you have significant family responsibilities, but this information allows APIA Scholars to see you through a broader lens.

## Step 7: Essays

There are 4 essays prompts; you must pick 3 to answer. You need to write 500 words or less for each of the 3 prompts you choose. **This is where you truly get to tell us who you are, what is important to you, what excites you, and who you hope to be.**

- **Option 1:** Describe a time you were in a leadership role, how it went, what you would have done differently, and how your cultural identity may have influenced your leadership role.
- **Option 2:** Tell us about something you created or built, what the process was like, and what value or meaning it had for you and others.
- **Option 3:** Describe what you want to accomplish in college, why you have these goals and how you plan to achieve them.
- **Option 4:** Discuss an issue of importance to you, why it's important and why you care, and how your identity affects how you view this issue.

## Step 8: Certification

Almost done! **Take time to review all steps of your application.** Check for any errors. Make sure you feel you have done your best to tell us in your own voice about you, your experiences and your passions.

You can always save your application and complete it at a later date.

## Application Timeline

The APIA Scholarship application is open September to mid January of each academic year. Visit our website at [bit.ly/APIAScholars](https://bit.ly/APIAScholars) for specific dates and updates.

**Finalists are notified in mid-spring.** Additional documents will be requested: FAFSA SAR, transcript and a college admission letter for incoming freshmen.

**Scholars are notified in late spring/early summer.** Additional information and documents will be requested.