



Asian/Pacific Islander Scholarship 2025-26 Academic Year

Submit completed applications to SFS (Jones 019 or jpotter@pugetsound.edu) by March 31, 2025

The Asian/Pacific* Islander Scholarship was created in 2017 by members of the Asian/Pacific Islander Collective and the Asian Student Community in order to alleviate financial barriers to higher education for A/PI students. The Asian/Pacific Islander Scholarship was especially designed to be mindful of students who are low-income, first-generation American, first-generation college students, native/indigenous to the islands of Micronesia, Melanesia, or Polynesia, undocumented, disabled, and/or facing other significant barriers to the cost of a Puget Sound education. The scholarship gives preference to students who self-identify as Asian or Pacific Islander, are in fair academic standing, and demonstrate leadership or community involvement. The scholarship requires students file a 2025-2026 FAFSA and demonstrate need in order to qualify.

All students who identify as Asian/Pacific Islander are eligible for this scholarship even if they do not hold the aforementioned intersections of identities. The founding scholarship members wish to acknowledge multiracial, multiethnic, and adopted students who may feel that they do not “belong” to either label of ‘Asian’ or ‘Pacific Islander.’ Multiracial, multiethnic, and adopted students of Asian descent all qualify for this scholarship. While the exact scholarship amounts have yet to be determined, in the past we have awarded three scholarships with an average amount of \$1,100 per award.

***Asian” often becomes associated solely with those who are East Asian because of the racial flattening of people from the entire continent of Asia. We wish to ensure that all those who are from, descend from, or who have heritage in Central, South, Southeast, and Western regions of Asia know that this scholarship and its committee is intentional about ensuring those who are thought of as marginal within the “Asian” umbrella have access to this fund. We also recognize that the history of ethnic groups in Asia have often been mixed, traumatic, or nomadic and that many people are unaware of what specific countries their family might be connected to.*

**Pacific Islander is also a broad umbrella term but we wish to name that students with ethnic heritage or descend from the islands within Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia, and those with indigenous heritage to New Zealand and Australia face particularly harsh barriers to education and therefore ought to be centered in the distribution of funds from this scholarship.*

Chosen Name: _____ Legal name _____

UPS ID: _____ Gender pronouns (optional) _____

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E-mail address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Year in School 2025-2026: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Please respond to the following prompts on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Describe what community means to you in 3 words.
2. Please tell us about a time in which community played a large role in your life or when you played a large role in a community. (300 word max)
3. Describe a time in which your racial and/or ethnic identity was salient to you or when you felt empowered in your identity. (300 word max)
4. **OPTIONAL:** Please feel free to describe anything that you wish for the selection committee to know about you that may not be reflected in the questions asked above. Also, please include if any of the above intersections/identities should be taken into account with your application. (150 word max)

I understand the selection committee will have access to my academic records. I agree that if I am selected for this scholarship, the university may supply information regarding my academic performance and other information (such as, but not limited to the information submitted with this application) to the scholarship donor or other individuals or groups involved with the administration of this scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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