

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

# 2013

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled full-time with at least 12 credit units for the fall 2013 and spring 2014 school year. Applicants must be currently taking or planning to take journalism courses and/or pursuing journalism as a career.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated journalistic ability, financial need, community involvement, commitment to the field of journalism and sensitivity to Asian American and Pacific Islander issues. Individual scholarships may weigh criteria differently and/or take into account other factors. All scholarship checks will be sent to the university unless otherwise requested.

## AAJA SF OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association is giving up to \$8,000 this year to student journalists. Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$3,500 and include the following:

### KEN WONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This honor is the highest and most prestigious award bestowed on students by the San Francisco chapter. The scholarship is named for Kenneth Cyril Wong, a former San Francisco Examiner reporter who passed away in 1986 at the age of 60. In establishing this award, the San Francisco AAJA chapter acknowledges Wong's talent as a reporter and work as a trailblazer for Asian Americans in the newsroom. The winner of this award will receive \$2,500 or more.

### WILLIE KEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The \$1,000 Willie Kee memorial scholarship honors the best in broadcast journalism, video editing and news photography. The award is named for former KTVU cameraman who in his 24-year career won 12 Emmys and covered such events as the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, the Harvey Milk assassination and the UC Berkeley student riots.

## TO APPLY

Submit the completed application form, a one-page resume, a copy of your school transcript, reference letters, work samples and writing exercise. Complete instructions and application form inside.

AAJA membership is encouraged for all applicants and required for the selected scholarship recipients. For membership, please apply online at: [www.ajaa.org](http://www.ajaa.org).

## ABOUT AAJA

The Asian American Journalists Association is a national non profit organization which works to encourage Asian American and Pacific Islander students to pursue journalism careers, increase employment of Asian American and Pacific Islander journalists, promote fair and accurate news coverage of Asian American and Pacific Islander issues, and provide a source of support for Asian American and Pacific Islander journalists.

**2012-2013 Scholarship Program Co-Chairs**

**Melissa Moy** ([moystress@aol.com](mailto:moystress@aol.com)) and **Ling Woo Liu** ([lliu605@yahoo.com](mailto:lliu605@yahoo.com))

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN 11:59 P.M. PST ON APRIL 25, 2013.**

To learn more about AAJA SF and our chapter programs, log onto our website at: [www.ajjasf.org](http://www.ajjasf.org)

# HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!

SUBMIT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

## 1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM

Make sure you have completed ALL sides of the application form and ALL sections.

## 2. ONE-PAGE RESUME

## 3. TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts may NOT be sent separately. Students are responsible for acquiring school transcripts ahead of time to be submitted with the application. Copies of official transcripts are acceptable.

## 4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Please have your references email their recommendation letters to the scholarship co-chairs (See submission instructions on Page 4).
- If you have been involved with AAJA, the scholarship organizers suggest - but do not require - that one of the recommendations come from an AAJA member. (The intent of this suggestion is to identify applicants who have demonstrated a serious commitment to a career in journalism by becoming active in a professional journalism group.)
- In addition, scholarship applicants who have a demonstrated background in volunteer work are encouraged to highlight that experience, perhaps by seeking a letter from someone who is familiar with their volunteer work.

## 5. SHORT ESSAY A & B

Each essay should not exceed 500 words, must be typed and double-spaced.

A. Describe any involvement or interest you have in the Asian American community. How and why is this important to your work as a journalist?

B. If you were awarded an AAJA scholarship, propose how you would contribute to the field of journalism and/or media issues involving the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

## 6. WORK SAMPLES

- **PHOTOJOURNALISM APPLICANTS:** Please submit a portfolio of attachments 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, or URLs. Attachments should be printable on 8.5"x11" paper. Complete caption information must be included along with the images.
- **PRINT APPLICANTS:** Send three to six articles photocopied on attachments that can be printed on 8.5"x11" paper. Do not send tearsheets or term papers.
- **BROADCAST APPLICANTS:** Radio applicants should send up to three stories (total length of less than 10 minutes) as streaming or downloadable links. TV applicants should send up to three stories (total length of less than 10 minutes) as digital links on YouTube, Vimeo, or a similar user-friendly video sharing service.
- **MULTIMEDIA APPLICANTS:** Multimedia applicants should send up to three digital links to stories.

**Very important:** Applications must be emailed by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, **April 25, 2013.**

**APPLICATIONS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE OR SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

# BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_\_ RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT TELEPHONE (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT E-MAIL (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE USED FOR MY EDUCATION AT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OR INTENDED AREA OF FOCUS:  Print  Television  Radio  Online  Photojournalism

VERY IMPORTANT: Where can you be notified of your award status at the end of May?

School address  Permanent address

## EDUCATION

LIST HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT INSTITUTION YOU ATTENDED.

SCHOOL	DATES	MAJOR	GPA	DEGREE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## MEDIA EXPERIENCE / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LIST EXPERIENCE (SCHOOL PAPER, SCHOOL RADIO STATION, INTERNSHIPS, ETC).

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	SUPERVISOR AND PHONE	DATES
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## PREVIOUS JOURNALISM AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

LIST ANY AWARDS OR SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY AAJA SCHOLARSHIPS.

AWARD / SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT (IF APPLICABLE)	DATE RECEIVED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Estimated college expenses for 2012-2013 school year

### EXPENSES:

Tuition and Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Room and Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Books / Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### INCOME:

Job/Work Study \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants: Pell, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Gifts \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Awards \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### FUNDS NEEDED BY SUBTRACTING

#### THE TWO AMOUNTS:

Total Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
- Total Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
FUNDS NEEDED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT SURVEY

How did you first hear about AAJASF scholarships?

Check all that apply.

- School counselor/advisor  
 Friend or classmate  
 AAJA website  
 Scholarship listing or directory  
 AAJA member  
 Got application in the mail  
 Got an application on campus  
 Other:

How many other scholarships are you applying for this year?

- 0  
 1-2  
 3-4  
 4+

How familiar with AAJA were you before hearing about our scholarships?

- Not familiar at all  
 Somewhat familiar  
 Very familiar

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Email your complete set of application materials to Melissa Moy (moystress@aol.com) and Ling Woo Liu (lliu605@yahoo.com). Please request that your references email their recommendation letters by the deadline to Melissa and Ling with the following subject line:  
AAJA SF SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION: NAME OF APPLICANT

Applications MUST BE EMAILED no later than  
**11:59 p.m. PST on April 25, 2013.**

## VERIFICATION

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. All scholarship checks will be sent to the university unless otherwise requested. I further affirm that, as a condition of receiving any funds, I will submit a progress report at the end of each semester.

SIGNATURE

DATE

# AAJA

## AAJA NATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Asian American Journalists Association also offers a variety of programs and scholarships for students interested in pursuing journalism.

For more information about AAJA national programs and to download application forms, visit the website at [www.aaja.org](http://www.aaja.org)