



Kaiser Permanente Asian Association

2012 Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How many scholarships are available?

There are four scholarships of \$3000 each.

What are the eligibility requirements for the KPAA scholarships?

To be eligible for a KPAA scholarship, you must be graduating from high school in Spring, 2012, and planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade or technical school in Fall, 2012. Your residence or high school must be located in the Northern California Kaiser Permanente service area, and you must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Do I need to be Asian to apply?

No, we are accepting applications from graduating high school students of any ethnicity who have demonstrated leadership within an Asian community.

Do I have to major in the health care field to apply for this application?

No. This scholarship recognizes students who have been instrumental in bringing a tangible benefit to an Asian community and who demonstrate leadership qualities in either school or community activities.

Can you provide examples of the type of leadership you're looking for?

Past scholarship award recipients have demonstrated leadership in many different ways. Some have been active in the arts, others in non-profit organizations dedicated to serving populations in need or caring for the environment. Some have demonstrated their leadership skills in school-based activities, others in the community. What's most important is that you have led a group of people – large or small – in an endeavor that has ultimately resulted in a benefit to others.

How can I determine whether I live in the KP Northern California service area?

Your school or home zip code must be listed in our Service Area Directory. The directory is available on our website (www.KPAAonline.org).

I attended more than one high school; do I need a transcript from each school?

If your current school includes grades from your previous school(s), you need not provide a separate transcript from the previous school(s). If your current school does NOT include grades from your previous school(s), you must obtain and provide transcripts that cover all high school classes you have attended since from your freshman year. Your transcript can be scanned and uploaded with your scholarship application at <https://www.scholarselect.com/scholarships/2759-kaiser-permanente-asian-association-scholarship-program-2012>

I'm currently taking classes at a junior college or university; should I include those transcripts?

Yes, please include your college transcripts.



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The person writing my letter of recommendation is unable to meet the deadline or would like to send in the letter separately.

If you submit your application on line, your letter of recommendation must be uploaded by the person writing it by February 17, 2012. If you are sending an application by U.S. mail, your letter of recommendation must be included in the same envelope as your application. Your reference letter may not be sent separately.

Can I ask a relative to write my letter of recommendation?

No; your letter of recommendation must be written by an adult not related to you who is familiar with your leadership work.

Where can I download a copy of the scholarship application?

You may download a copy of the scholarship application at www.KPAAonline.org .

Can I send in my application by U.S. mail?

We prefer to have applications submitted on line by February 17, 2012 at <https://www.scholarselect.com/scholarships/2759-kaiser-permanente-asian-association-scholarship-program-2012>. If you are unable to submit your application on line, you can send it via U.S. mail; it must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2012. Applications sent by KP inter-office mail will not be considered. Applications may be downloaded at www.KPAAonline.org. You will find the mailing address on the last page of the application.

Should I include a photograph of myself?

We do not accept photographs. We have developed a fair and equitable evaluation process for scholarship applications, and your application will be evaluated based on merit.

When will I know if I've been awarded a scholarship?

You may check our website, www.KPAAonline.org on April 6, 2012, for a list of winners' names. The scholarship will be formally presented in May at the KPAA Asian Heritage Month Awards Banquet, held in Oakland, CA.

What other scholarships may be available to me from Kaiser Permanente?

Several Kaiser Permanente employee associations offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors. In addition to the KP Asian Association, the following groups offer scholarships:

- Kaiser Permanente African American Professional Association – contact Gloria Wilson at Gloria.J.Wilson@kp.org
- KP Pride - contact Marina Coleridge at Marina.Coleridge@kp.org
- Kaiser Permanente Latino Association - contact Antonio Wong at Antonio.Wong@kp.org

I'm a Kaiser Permanente employee. Am I eligible for a KPAA scholarship?

No, the KPAA scholarship is awarded only to students graduating from high school in Spring, 2012. You may call the KP Student Financial Aid Program (866-232-2934) for information regarding scholarships and loans to complete degree and certificate programs in nursing and allied health fields. You can find more information at <http://xnet.kp.org/pcs/sfap/index.html> .