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2010 CAPAL Scholarship Application

The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) will award three (3) scholarships to outstanding Asian Pacific American (APA) students committed to public service and community action.

CAPAL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization that was founded in 1989 by APA professionals in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Its mission is to promote Asian Pacific American interests and success in public sector careers, to provide information and education on policy issues affecting the APA community, and to serve the APA community at large.

Awarded annually since 1992, CAPAL's scholarships have enabled promising students with leadership potential to pursue public service internships in Washington, DC, while learning how to influence public policy decisions that affects their communities. CAPAL Scholars are awarded \$2,000 each for the successful completion of a summer internship of their choice, as well as the development of a Community Action Plan. CAPAL's scholarship program is made possible through generous contributions from the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) and the Milne Foundation.

We would appreciate your assistance with informing undergraduate and graduate students of this opportunity to receive financial assistance to complete an internship in our nation's capital during the summer of 2010. Please retain this information in your files, as this is an annual program.

Application and scholarship requirements are attached. For more details or to download the application, please visit our website at <http://www.capal.org> or email questions to scholarships@capal.org.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is CAPAL's Scholarship program?

- ❖ *Annually, the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) awards two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to outstanding Asian Pacific American (APA) college undergraduate and graduate students who will be interning in the Washington, DC metropolitan area for the summer. The scholarships are intended to enable outstanding APA scholars with leadership potential to work full-time and learn about ways to influence public policy in their local communities. Recipients of the CAPAL scholarships are responsible for securing their own internships. CAPAL's scholarship program is made possible through generous contributions from the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) and the Milne Foundation.*

Who can apply?

- ❖ *Undergraduate and graduate students who will be working at a full-time summer internship in the public sector within the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Public sector may include any of the three branches of federal government, a state or local official or government agency, or a non-profit organization. Students who will have completed their academic program by the summer of 2010 are not eligible.*

What are the selection criteria for CAPAL Scholars?

- ❖ *Demonstrated commitment to public service, including service to the APA community;*
- ❖ *Demonstrated leadership and potential for continued growth in leadership skills;*
- ❖ *Washington, DC internship relevant and consistent with overall public sector goals;*
- ❖ *Academic achievement; and*
- ❖ *Financial need.*

What is the application submission deadline?

- ❖ *Applications must be submitted by email to scholarships@capal.org for early decision by March 1, 2010.*

Is there an interview process?

- ❖ *Telephone interviews for finalists will be conducted beginning March 15, 2010. Finalists will be notified of CAPAL Scholar selections beginning April 1, 2010.*

What makes CAPAL's scholarship program unique?

- ❖ *In addition to receiving the scholarship, CAPAL scholars will be matched with a mentor who has worked or is working in the career field that the CAPAL scholar is interesting in pursuing.*
- ❖ *Each of the CAPAL scholars must participate in CAPAL's Washington Leadership Program (WLP). For more information, please see the website: www.capal.org.*
- ❖ *Each of the CAPAL scholars is required to research, propose, present, and implement a Community Action Plan (CAP). For more information, please see the website: www.capal.org.*

Section 4. Internship Information:

CAPAL scholarship recipients are responsible for securing their own summer internships. Please provide the organization or agency's name, address, internship responsibilities, length and dates of assignment, contact person, and phone number below. If internship placement is pending, please indicate.

Section 5. Resume & Academic Transcript(s):

Please attach a copy of both your resume and academic transcript(s) with this application when you submit it. Unofficial copies of your academic transcript are acceptable.

Section 6. Letters of Recommendation:

Please attach one to three (1-3) letters of reference with this application when you submit it. At least one letter of reference from a professor is recommended. If possible, please instruct your references to email their letter to scholarships@capal.org. They may also send a hard copy in an envelope with their signature across the seal to the following address:

*CAPAL Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 65073
Washington, DC 20035*

Please note that hard copy letters of recommendation must be received by March 15th in order for a decision to be issued by April 1.

Section 7. Feedback:

How did you hear about the CAPAL Scholarships?

CAPAL Website Student organization Career Service Office Other

If other, please describe how:

Section 8. Statement of Purpose:

Please provide a statement of purpose that answers two (2) of the following three (3) questions. The statement should be in the form of a single essay that addresses both prompts. Please limit your statement to 750 words or less.

- What are your long-term career goals? How will your summer internship experience advance those goals?
- Describe your previous educational, community work and internship experiences. Please explain how these experiences have influenced your long-term career goals; and How you demonstrated leadership during those experiences.
- How will you use the experiences and knowledge gained during your summer in Washington, DC to better the APA community and your local community?

Section 9. Application Agreement:

Please read the following before signing this application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements:

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the eligibility and application requirements, have completed the application truthfully, and consent to submitting this application electronically. I understand that if I am selected as a CAPAL Scholar, personally identifiable information including my name and school will be released to the public through press releases and newsletter announcements.

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Applicant Signature

Date