



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION

2022 Scholarship Information and Guidelines

The Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) was established in 1998 as a Professional Society of Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees. APIO promotes the belief that Asian Pacific Americans fill an invaluable role in providing a critical need for committed natural resource professionals to provide leadership in the wise use of our private agricultural and recreational lands. APIO was created to assist the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) with its delivery of Program Information and Program Benefits to all communities. APIO showcases the value that Asian Pacific Americans bring to the USDA-NRCS and demonstrates the role of Asian Pacific Americans in a diverse, multicultural workforce. APIO serves as the primary link between the USDA-NRCS and the diverse Asian Pacific American communities.

The scholarship applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning. The applicant must be an undergraduate student and, by the application deadline, must have the equivalent of at least 15 semester hours towards a degree in one of the following natural resource fields: Agricultural Business, Agronomy, Biology, Botany, Environmental Science, Forestry, Geology, Horticulture, Plant Science, Rangeland Science, Soil Science, or Agricultural, Civil, or Environmental Engineering. Only Asian or Pacific Islander students, who are U.S. citizens, are eligible for this scholarship. Furthermore, to receive the scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled in the Fall-2022 semester.

In 2022, APIO plans to award six scholarships of \$500 each to deserving Asian or Pacific Islander students who meet the above criteria.

Winners will also receive a complimentary 1 year APIO membership and will be required to attend at least one APIO meeting following the award.

The APIO Scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of academic achievement, career goals, personal strengths, leadership abilities, and work experiences. The application period for the 2022 award is from **August 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022**. Selections will be announced by November 30, 2022.

One of the goals of the APIO scholarship is to introduce students to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and encourage them to consider NRCS as a potential employer. For more information about NRCS or APIO, please visit the following websites: www.nrcs.usda.gov or www.apio.org. We also invite you to visit the NRCS Student and Recent Graduate Programs webpage <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/careers/student/>

We encourage all Asian and Pacific Islander students, who are U.S. Citizens, in the agriculture related fields listed above, to apply for the 2022 scholarship. The application and associated information can be accessed via the web at www.apio.org.

If you have any questions regarding applying for the APIO Scholarship, please contact the scholarship committee at APIOScholarships@gmail.com before October 31, 2022.

By checking this box, I confirm that I have read and understand the information above.



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Scholarship Application for 2022

Only for U. S. Citizens and U.S. Nationals who are Asian American or Pacific Islander

*Name (Last, First, Middle)				
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*Permanent Address: Street / PO Box; City, State, Zip Code	Gender			
	*Ethnicity			
Mailing Address (if different from above): Street / PO Box; City, State, Zip Code	*Primary Phone Number			
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*Email Address	Secondary Phone Number			
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*Name of College/University/School Currently Attending or Enrolled in	*Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/yr)			
*Please Select Your Academic Major:				
Agricultural Business	Agronomy	Biology	Botany	
Environmental Science	Forestry	Geology	Horticulture	Hydrology
Plant Science	Rangeland Science	Soils	Civil/Agricultural/Environmental Engineering	
Other Natural Resource Field (please specify):				
*Are you currently an NRCS Employee?		Yes	No	
*Are you currently or have you been an Earth Team Volunteer, NRCS Pathways Intern, or 3rd Party Intern with NRCS? (check all that apply)				
Earth Team Volunteer	NRCS Pathways Intern	3rd Party Intern with NRCS	None of the above	
*Are you interested in a paid internship or summer position doing natural resources conservation work?		Yes	No	
If yes, when is your soonest availability for a part-time or full-time internship? (mm/yy)				

*Fields are required

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Which states(s) are you most interested in working in?		
1.	2.	3.
May we forward your contact information to NRCS offices in these states?	Yes	No
Are you interested in becoming a student member of APIO?	Yes	No
Would you like to be added to the APIO email list?	Yes	No
*Are you a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National?	Yes	No

- Please email this application, along with your personal statement and other supporting documents to **APIOScholarships@gmail.com**
- If you have any questions, you may email us at **APIOScholarships@gmail.com**
- For more information about the Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO), please visit our web site at www.apio.org
- For more information about the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), please visit their web site at www.nrcs.usda.gov



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ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION Certification for APIO Scholarship

Certification I certify that all of the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Purposely providing false information will result in the recall or forfeiture of any scholarship.

I am aware that any scholarship awarded by APIO will be disbursed through my University Financial Aid Office. If I am selected to receive an APIO Scholarship, I will use the APIO award toward expenses related to my college **advancement**. In addition, I understand this is a one-time award. I must reapply for a new scholarship each year.

In the event you are awarded a scholarship you will need to provide proof of U.S. citizenship. In order to complete the transfer of funds to your educational institution, you will also be required to provide your social security number.

I understand that proof of college enrollment will be required if selected and that I must notify my university financial aid office and the APIO of any changes in my **enrollment status**. I further understand that changes in my enrollment status may result in the cancellation of any award provided. I hereby acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep the university financial aid office and APIO informed of all **address changes**.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to submit a complete application package to APIO in compliance with the posted deadline. All application materials received become the property of APIO. I hereby give APIO permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations, or possible employment.

I hereby certify that I have read the Application Information guidelines, as well as this Certification and I understand and accept all of the conditions specified.

***Printed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

The following items must be submitted for full consideration.

1. A completed application form	
2. A copy of your most recent unofficial college transcript	
3. A personal statement of one page in length (double-spaced). How did you choose your Field of Study? How would this scholarship promote your professional growth and development? What do you plan to do after you graduate? You may also include information such as personal background and other information that you feel is important.	
4. One letter of recommendation from a college professor/advisor; please include the necessary contact information for your reference.	
5. Signed and Dated Certification	
Your application package must be submitted via email <u>no later than October 31, 2022.</u>	

Please email your application package to:

APIOScholarships@gmail.com