

CIE/USA- Seattle 2011 APA Science, Engineering and Technology Scholarship Award Program FAQ

General FAQ:

Q: What are the scholarship award categories?

- a. 7th graders to 9th graders: \$250.00 per award
- b. 10th graders to 12th graders: \$500.00 per award
- c. Undergraduate College Students: \$600.00 per award

Q: What is the application and award schedule?

News Announcement:	April 7, 2011
Application Period:	April 8, 2011 to May 31, 2011
Awards Announcement:	July 15, 2011
Awards Ceremony:	September 2011 at the CIE/USA-Seattle Annual Gala Award Event

Q: What are the award eligibility requirements?

All applicants must meet the following three qualification criteria:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in accredited public or private schools as a full time student in the Washington State as of May 31st 2011 and continuously in the fall quarter/semester 2011.
2. Applicants must come from a family with ethnic Asian Pacific background.
3. Applicants must not be a scholarship winner in the immediate previous year and a winner in the same award category.

Q: How scholarship category is determined? Example: early admission to UW.

Scholarship category is based on incoming quarter/semester as fall, 2011. All applicants shall continuously to be full time student status in the fall quarter/semester, 2011.

Q: How many applicants will be awarded? What is the percentage?

A panel of independent judges will be selected by the CIE/USA-Seattle organization. Winner to applicant ratio differs each year based on number of applications received per category per year.

Q: What additional materials that I can submit to increase my chance?

Additional test scores can be submitted during online application process. Applicant should maximize the Volunteer and Achievement sections of the online application to further demonstrate outstanding achievements. Selecting someone who knows the applicant's achievement history to write the recommendation letter is also valuable.

Q: Who can I ask for recommendation letter?

Applicants should request recommendation letters from teacher, employer, or professional organization the applicant has worked or volunteer at. No relatives nor family members.

Q: How to submit recommendation letter?

Download [Recommendation Letter Template](#), then provide it to your reference and request he/she emails the completed letter directly to ciescholarship@cie-sea.org by May 31st, 2011 (5pm PST). Please note, recommendation letter must be emailed directly by the recommender. Once CIE receives the reference letter, confirmation will be sent to reference provider within 48 hrs and cc the applicant.

Q: What are the award selection criteria?

Applicants are graded based on:

a.	Academic achievement	30%
b.	Volunteer and community service	25%
c.	Extracurricular activities or accomplishments (recommendation letter)	25%
d.	Essay	20%

Q: When do I know if I win or not?

All applicants will be notified by July 15th, 2011 via the e-mail provided during online application set-up. Award winners will be invited to the CIE/USA-Seattle Award Gala Event to be held on September 2011. The APA Scholarship Award Committee will coordinate with award winners and their families on the detailed award process after award notifications.

Application Process FAQ:

Q: What do I do if I forget my password?

Return to the [online application page](#) and click “Forgot Password?” under Login. Enter the email provided during application set-up and click “Reset Password”. New password will be emailed to you.

Q: How can I change info if I make mistake?

Applicant can SAVE their online application and return multiple times to enter data. If you are using shared computer, we asked that you click LOGOUT after SAVE so others sharing your computer cannot see nor edit your application. No change to data is allowed once the applicant clicks SUBMIT.

Q: How can I change my file attachment / upload?

No change to the application allowed once the applicant has submitted the online application. Applicant can change file attachment as frequent as he/she wants during SAVE stage of the application process. Applicant can simply click “Select a File” again and select the replacement file.

Q: What files type can I upload my transcript and test scores?

Please upload transcripts and test scores in jpg, pdf, or Word file during online application process.

Q: What do I do if I only have paper copy of my transcript and test scores?

Applicant is responsible for finding a way to scan supporting documents into jpg or PDF file format.

Q: If I have a hard copy of transcript or recommendation letter, where I can send the hard copy to?

No hard copy will be accepted. Applicant is responsible for finding a way to scan supporting documents into jpg or PDF file format and upload during the online application process.

Q: How do I know if CIE has received my application?

Upon completion of the online application, a “Successful Submission” webpage will be displayed. In addition, the system will send a confirmation email to the email address provided during application account set-up. Please check the email account provided during online application set-up for confirmation.

Q: How do I know if my recommendation letter has been received?

Once CIE receives the recommendation letter, confirmation email will be sent to reference provider within 48 hours and cc the applicant. Please check with your recommendation provider directly if you do not receive the confirmation email.