

# 2015 The 13<sup>th</sup> CIE/USA-Seattle APA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship Award Program

## 1. Objective

To promote career interests of Asian Pacific American (APA) youth in the fields of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) as well as to encourage their continued contributions in our community and society.

## 2. Scholarship Award Categories

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

The grade is determined by the incoming quarter/semester as in fall 2015. All applicants shall keep their full time student status in the fall quarter/semester in 2015--2016 school year.

## 3. Applications and Award Schedule

News Announcement:	March 15, 2015
Application Period:	April 1, 2015 to June 15, 2015
Awards Announcement:	July 31, 2015
Awards Ceremony:	September 2015 at the CIE/USA-Seattle Annual Gala Award Event

## 4. Award Eligibility

All applicants must meet the following three qualification criteria:

- a. Applicants must be enrolled in accredited public or private schools as a full time student in the Washington State as of May 31<sup>th</sup> 2015 and continuously in the fall quarter/semester 2015.
- b. Applicants must come from a family with ethnic Asian Pacific background.
- c. Applicants must not be a scholarship winner in the immediate previous year and a winner in the same award category.

## 5. Award Selection Criteria

Applicants are graded based on:

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| a. Academic achievement   | 30% |
| b. Volunteer and community service  | 25% |
| c. Science, technology & engineering projects, extracurricular activities/accomplishments (recommendation letter) | 25% |
| d. Essay (the new world with driverless cars)   | 20% |

A panel of independent judges will be selected by the CIE/USA-Seattle organization. The panel will score the applicants based on the criteria listed above. Scores will be tallied for the final scholarship award winners.

## 6. Application Package and Submittal

An application package consists of the following:

- a. The completed CIE-SEA APA Scholarship application form [online](#).
- b. Upload copy of current and previous year transcripts in .jpg or other legible during online application submission process. CIE-SEA reserves the right to request a hard copy of transcripts in a sealed envelope provided by the applicant's school.
- c. One recommendation letter sent directly by recommender to CIE-SEA through email. Please use the recommendation letter template as provided [here](#).
- d. Optionally, applicants can upload any other applicable national or Washington State test score sheets (such as ITBS, WASL, PSAT, SAT, ACT...) in .jpg or other legible format during their online application process.

Other than the recommendation letter emailed directly to CIE/USA-Seattle, all info must be compiled [online](#) during the open application period. CIE/USA-Seattle reserves the right to validate content. Online submission and recommendation letter are due no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (5pm PDT). Application materials received after the deadline will be discarded without notification.

Due to application volume, please read the [Frequently Asked Question](#) (FAQ) prior to emailing [ciescholarship@cie-sea.org](mailto:ciescholarship@cie-sea.org) with any additional questions.

## 7. Award Notifications and Award Ceremony

Award winners will be notified by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 via e-mail and will be automatically invited to the CIE/USA-Seattle Award Gala Event to be held in September 2015. The 13<sup>th</sup> APA Scholarship Award Committee will coordinate with award winners and their families on the detailed award process after award notifications.

## 8. In addition to the monetary award, all awardees will have the privilege to receive the following benefits:

- a. One year complimentary CIE/USA-Seattle student membership;
- b. Receive credit hours to the volunteer activities supporting CIE/USA- Seattle hosted Math Contest, Annual Convention, professional and other community events;
- c. For the 10-12 graders and college student awardees, opportunities will be provided to engage with CIE/USA-Seattle's local university/college student chapters.

**CIE/USA-Seattle Scholarship Award Committee reserves the right to re-align or modify this Scholarship Award Program without notification.**

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