

ASIAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
PORT OF OAKLAND
Scholarship Information Sheet

About AEA

The Asian Employees Association (AEA) at the Port of Oakland is a non-profit organization founded by Port employees in 1991. Membership to the association is open to anyone regardless of ethnic or cultural background. The goals of AEA are:

- To promote mutual understanding and goodwill by organizing Asian cultural programs for all Port of Oakland employees and community members to enjoy
- To inspire and reward outstanding academic achievement among our Oakland high school students as well as children of current Port of Oakland employees, through the AEA Scholarship Program.

AEA Scholarship Program

In 1993 the AEA established a scholarship program to encourage deserving high school students from the community to pursue post-secondary education. The program has grown steadily over the years, and to date the AEA has awarded **160** scholarships totaling **\$239,000**.

In 2010, AEA expects to award scholarships from \$1,000 to \$4,000 up to a total of \$30,000*.

Criteria for Scholarship Application:

- Applicant must be a resident of the City of Oakland and currently enrolled in an Oakland public or private high school. Applicants who are children of the Port of Oakland employees may be enrolled in any high school.
- Applicants of any ethnic or cultural background are encouraged to apply.
- Applicant must be a high school senior who intends to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited university or college on a full-time basis.
- Applicant must possess an overall grade point average of 3.0 (B average) or better.

Application Requirements:


To apply for a scholarship award, the following must be submitted to the AEA Scholarship Committee for review:

- A completed scholarship application form.
- Two essays personally written by the applicant. The essay topics are specified on the following application form. If the essays submitted are irrelevant to the essay topics, the application will be disqualified.
- Applicant's official transcript from the applicant's school (may be sent separately from the school). The transcript must bear the school's official seal.
- A letter of recommendation from the applicant's current high school instructor or counselor (may be sent separately from the author).

Selection Criteria:

The AEA Scholarship Committee will carefully review all applications. Selected applicants will be invited to interview with the committee and awarded scholarships based on:

- Potential for academic achievement.
- Potential for impact on the community, both immediate and long-term.


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Deadline to submit application materials:

Completed scholarship application packet must be submitted to the AEA Scholarship Committee by the following dates:

- 1) If submitting by U.S Postal Service mail, applications **must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2010.**
- 2) If submitting in person, applications must be delivered to the Port of Oakland offices **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010.**

Please address application packets and mail or hand-deliver to:

AEA Scholarship Committee
Attn: Mr. Chris Chan
Port of Oakland
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

The AEA Scholarship Committee will review the applications and invite a select number of applicants to a personal interview (to be scheduled.) The selected applicants will be notified of the time and place of their individual interview. Participation at this interview is **mandatory**.

The Scholarship awardees will be recognized on Friday, **May 7, 2010** at a fundraising dinner sponsored by the AEA. PLEASE NOTE: Distributions of scholarship award funds are made upon confirmation of the students' registration at a post-secondary education institution.

For additional information about the AEA's 2010 scholarship program or to obtain an application form, please visit our web site: <http://www.portaea.org> or you may contact any of the following AEA Scholarship Committee members:

Mr. Chris Chan	510 627-1331	Ms. Minnie Chan	510 238-3733
Mr. Kenneth Jung	510 466-7851	Ms. Mary Joan Kealy	510 763-2640

* The number of scholarships and the total amount is established by the board of the AEA each year based upon available funds. The board has committed to \$30,000 for 2010.

Extra Curricular Activities

Include all pertinent information. Please add pages as needed.

Organizations	Position Held (President, Treasurer, Member, etc.)	Roles and Responsibilities	Avg Hours /Month	From/To (e.g., 01/07 to Present)

Civic/Community Involvement

Include all pertinent information. Please add pages as needed.

Organization and its Mission	City	Position Held (President, Treasurer, Member, etc.)	Avg Hours/ Month	From/To (e.g., 01/07 to Present)

Work Experience (If none, please state so. You may include non-paid internships.)

Include all pertinent information. Please add pages as needed.

Company	Address	Job Title	Avg Hours/ Month	From/To (e.g., 01/04 to Present)

Awards and Special Recognitions:

Include any awards and recognition (e.g., National Merit Scholar, CSF, Community service awards, etc.).

Award/Special Recognition	Date Received

Required Application Attachments

- PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION (Please limit your response to one page, (size 12 pt) typed on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper and double-spaced):**

Why do you think a college education is important? Specifically address how it would apply to you and what you are looking for in a college education.

- IN ADDITION, PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (Please elaborate in your responses, but limit your essay to two pages, (size 12 pt) typed on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper and double-spaced):**

1. The current financial crisis affects every aspect of our lives. Please discuss its impact on you and/or your family as well as the greater community, and what you can do to improve the situation.
2. What is the value and importance of community service? If you were given the opportunity to immediately spend one year of your life in community service, which cause would you choose? Explain what you would do and why.

- Official transcript from your current high school**
- Letter of recommendation from your current high school instructor or counselor**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE