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Scholarship Applications Available Now Online

Qualified Students Entering as Freshmen in 2005 Encouraged To Apply

San Francisco (Nov. 24, 2004)—Applications are now available online for scholarships offered by the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF). Applications may be downloaded directly from the APIASF website at www.apiasf.org and are available for college-bound students of Asian and Pacific Islander American descent who will be freshmen during the 2005-06 school year. The deadline for completed applications is Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005. The amount of each scholarship award is a maximum of \$2,000 and will be awarded in Washington, DC, in May 2005.

In order to qualify for an APIASF scholarship, a student must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national (including citizens of American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico), a permanent U.S. resident, or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau. Students must have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or a General Educational Development (GED) equivalent.

Funding support for APIASF scholarships has been provided by companies, foundations, civic organizations and individuals, including the Asian McDonald's Operators Association, AT&T, The Coca-Cola Company, General Mills, Hilton Hotels Corporation, McDonald's Corporation, Wal-Mart Stores, Washington Mutual, and Wells Fargo.

For further information about APIASF, visit www.apiasf.org.

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APIASF is the only national organization devoted to providing scholarships to Asian and Pacific Islander American students and is currently based in San Francisco. The organization's vision is to see all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who wish to pursue higher education have that opportunity, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means. APIASF is a non-profit, charitable organization.