

**ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, SAN DIEGO
2009 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

DEADLINE: 3:00 p.m., October 2nd, 2009

Organizational Background

ABA San Diego provides a strong voice on business, cultural and political issues of interest to San Diego's Asian & Pacific Islander community. Established in 1990, ABA facilitates the growth and development of member businesses through ongoing entrepreneurial education, communication and business networking programs. One of our major goals is to enable members to participate fully in the economic development of San Diego, without regard for race, color, creed or national origin.

ABA Offers two scholarships. The ABA Foundation scholarship will be awarded to a high school student graduating in 2009 or 2010. The Tom Fat Scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate college student.

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Applicant shall be eligible under one or more of the following:
 - a) a high school student who will graduate in 2010; or
 - b) a community college or undergraduate college student.
 - c) Tom Fat Scholarship applicants must be undergraduate college students.
2. Applicant's transcript must reflect a minimum of 3.5 grade point average.
3. Applicant must reside in San Diego County.
4. Applicant must be a United States citizen or permanent resident. (Winners may be required to show proof of the above documentation.)

ABA Scholarship Guidelines:

1. A completed application will consist of the following:
 - a) Completed application form
 - b) Personal Statement
Personal statement should not to exceed 2 pages, 1.5 spaced and using 12 point Times New Roman font. All pages should include a page number and your name.

Example: John Smith
 Personal Statement
 Page1

Please make sure to focus on the following questions in your Personal Statement:

- What in your life story makes you special, unique or impressive?
- What interests you about the field of work/study for which you are applying and how did you learn about it?
- What responsibilities have you undertaken?
- What difficulties have you overcome?
- Why should you be chosen above the other applicants?
- How have you benefited from preparing for college?

c) **Sealed** Official transcript confirming a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
Note: broken seals will nullify the validity of the transcripts.

d) Two (2) **letters of reference**. One from a teacher or counselor, and one from individuals who are familiar with your abilities. Reference letters must include addresses and phone numbers of persons providing the reference. Please have the letters be 1 page with 12-point font.

Family members and persons under 18 years of age are excluded

2. Scholarship recipients may elect to have scholarship awards paid directly to them, or to the appropriate educational institution. Proof of enrollment will be required before payment is made. A total of four (4) scholarships will be awarded.
3. Applications must be received in the office by **3:00 p.m. on October 2nd, 2009**. All documentation must be **mailed** (postmarked) or **hand delivered** as follows:

**ABA FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
5675 Ruffin Road, Suite 305
San Diego, CA 92123**

Incomplete applications will cause the applicant to be disqualified.

4. The ABA Scholarship Committee Judges, using a blind rating system, shall select the recipients of ABA scholarships. All decisions of the Committee Judges shall be final.
5. ABA Foundation Scholarship Winners will be awarded \$1,000.00
6. Tom Fat Scholarship Winners will be awarded \$2,500.00

If you have any questions, please contact Erica Oyama at (858) 277-2822, or email her at erica@abasd.org

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NAME:

_____ (Last) (First) (MI)

ADDRESS:

_____ (Street) (City) (Zip)

HOME PHONE: _____ OTHER: _____

EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

FATHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME:

OCCUPATION _____

MOTHER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME:

OCCUPATION _____

TOTAL SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD: _____

LIST THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION(S) YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO (OR ARE APPLYING TO):

Name of College/University

Address of Admissions Office

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DESCRIBE YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

i.e.: community involvement, mentorship, club membership, etc.

The ABA scholarships will be announced at the ABA Annual Awards Dinner in November 2009. **Award recipients will be notified in advance of the event and must be present.** The attendance fee for the event will be waived for award recipients.

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date