



**“API POLITICAL COURAGE” AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP
EXTENDED DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 2013**

The Caucus:

Officially chartered in 2005, the Asian Pacific American (APA) Democratic Caucus of Alameda County was established to ensure equal participation in and support from the Democratic Party of Alameda County. Its mission is to (1) support, promote and recruit APAs for electoral office and leadership positions and (2) use its influence to shape key policies that affect the APA community.

The Award:

The “API Political Courage” Award & Scholarship was established to further the educational and public service goals of students of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry who demonstrate political leadership, courage, and outstanding community service. The award is given to students (undergraduate and graduate) who value the ideals and core principals espoused by the Democratic Party and have the attributes to be the next generation of leaders. As a working award, this program provides an opportunity for selected recipients to further develop their leadership skills, network with community and API elected leaders, and gain knowledge of the democratic process.

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by DECEMBER 6, 2013 to be eligible.

Up to two recipients (one male and one female) will be selected to each receive a \$500 scholarship. Recipients will be announced at the APA Democratic Caucus Holiday Reception on Thursday, December 12 2013 and honored at the Annual Spring Banquet in 2014 (dates TBD). In addition, caucus membership dues will be waived for 2014.

Eligibility:

- Must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited two or four-year college or university in Alameda County (applicant must also reside in the county)
- Demonstrate strong commitment to the API Community
- Registered Democrat in Alameda County

Program Requirements:

- Must attend the APA Democratic Caucus Spring Banquet (date TBD) to receive the award. There is no charge for the recipient and one guest to attend.
- Complete at least 25 program participation hours by May 31, 2014. Participation will include:
 - Mentorship: Each recipient will be matched with a mentor(s) based on the student’s career goals and public service interest(s).
 - Attending community/political events and trainings hosted by the Caucus
 - Attending monthly APA Executive Board meetings (held the second Saturday of each month)
 - Completing a mutually agreeable project

Selection:

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of leadership skills, academic achievement, community service and courageous political engagement. All applications will be reviewed by the APA Democratic Caucus Executive Board, and top finalists may be called for an interview. All applicants will be notified by email of the status of their application in mid-December, regardless of outcome.

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How to Apply:

- Complete and sign the attached application
- Complete a personal statement
- Submit one letter of recommendation
- Submit two additional references
- Submit academic transcript
- Submit resume

Email or Mail Completed Applications to:

maritessa.bravo.ares@gmail.com

APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County
P.O. Box #223
San Leandro, CA 94577

If you have any questions, please contact Maritessa Bravo Ares at maritessa.bravo.ares@gmail.com.



**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
“API Political Courage” Award & Scholarship Application**

To empower students of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry, the APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County is proud to present an award and scholarship to current college students in Alameda County who demonstrate political leadership, courage, and outstanding community service. The award is given to students (undergraduate and graduate) who value the ideals and core principals espoused by the Democratic Party and have the attributes to be the next generation of leaders. **Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by December 6, 2013 to be eligible. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

➤ **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Check if applicable: Registered Democrat **Ethnicity:** _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

➤ **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

College/University Attending: _____

Number of Units Enrolled in for Fall 2013: _____ **Overall GPA:** _____

Field of Study: _____

Expected Degree: _____ **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

➤ **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

Please provide a written statement not to exceed two pages in length addressing the following questions:

- 1) Why do you hope to be awarded this award & scholarship?
- 2) What does “political courage” mean to you? Please describe how you have demonstrated political courage and leadership on behalf of or for the Asian Pacific Islander Community.
- 3) What are your career and educational goals?

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➤ **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please submit one letter of recommendation. Professors, counselors, employers, community leaders and elected officials are acceptable sources. Letters from family members are discouraged.

➤ **REFERENCES**

Please list two additional references.

Name: _____ **Title/ Role:** _____

Phone Number and/or email: _____

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➤ **CERTIFICATIONS** (please check each box)

- I understand that I will forfeit my award if I do not attend the Spring Banquet (date TBD).
- I understand and will comply with the program requirements.
- I hereby authorize the APA Democratic Caucus to use photos taken of me during the Spring Banquet or other caucus events for publicity or public relations purposes.
- I certify that all of the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Applicant Signature	_____ Date
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Personal Statement
- One letter of recommendation & two additional references
- Transcript
- Resume
- If sending application package by postal mail, please ensure there is sufficient first-class postage on your envelope, and the envelope is addressed correctly.

Email or mail completed applications (postmarked) by **December 6, 2013**, to:

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Award & Scholarship Program
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