



2019 Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How many scholarships are available?

There are seven (7) scholarships of \$3,500 each.

What are the eligibility requirements for the KPAA scholarships?

To be eligible for a KPAA scholarship, you must be graduating from high school in Spring, 2019, and planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade or technical school in Fall, 2019. Your residence or high school must be located in the Northern California Kaiser Permanente service area, and you must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Do I need to be Asian to apply?

No, we accept applications from graduating high school students of any ethnicity who have demonstrated leadership within an Asian community.

Do I have to major in the health care field to apply for this scholarship?

No. This scholarship recognizes students who have been instrumental in bringing a tangible benefit to an Asian community and who demonstrate leadership qualities in either school or community activities.

Can you provide examples of the type of leadership you're looking for?

Past scholarship award recipients have demonstrated leadership in many different ways. Some have been active in the arts, others in non-profit organizations dedicated to serving populations in need or caring for the environment. Some have demonstrated their leadership skills in school-based activities, others in the community. What's most important is that you have led a group of people – large or small – in an endeavor that has ultimately resulted in a benefit to others.

How can I determine whether I live in the KP Northern California service area?

Your school or home zip code must be listed in our Service Area Directory. You can check to see if your zip code is within the eligible area by going to <http://kaiserpermanente-asianassociation.org/scholarship/>

The person writing my letter of recommendation is unable to meet the deadline or would like to send in the letter separately.

All materials must be submitted online by the specified deadline. Only finalists will be asked to provide letters of recommendation; you should begin to prepare in advance in case you are selected to be a finalist. Please visit <http://www.applyists.com/contact-us/contact-us-customer-care/> if you have any questions regarding completion of the scholarship application.

Can I ask a relative to write my letter of recommendation?

No; your letter of recommendation must be written by an adult not related to you who is familiar with your leadership work.

Where can I download a copy of the scholarship application?

You can find the on-line application at <https://aim.applyISTS.net/KaiserPermanenteAsianAssoc/>

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Can I send in my application by U.S. Mail?

No. We offer online scholarship applications only.

Should I include a photograph of myself?

We do not accept photographs. We have developed a fair and equitable evaluation process for scholarship applications, and your application will be evaluated based on merit.

When will I know if I've been awarded a scholarship?

You may check our website at <http://kaiserpermanente-asianassociation.org/scholarship/> on May 8, 2019, for a list of the winners' names. The scholarship funds themselves will be distributed in August, 2019; the funds will be directly sent to the college, university, trade or technical school the winners will be attending in the Fall.

What other scholarships may be available to me from Kaiser Permanente?

In addition to the KP Asian Association, the following groups offer scholarships:

- **Kaiser Permanente African American Professional Association** – contact Aisha Williams at Aisha-Lorraine.M.Williams@kp.org or Alisha Blinks at Alisha.Blinks@kp.org
- **Kaiser Permanente Latino Association** - contact Eva Gamboa at Eva.E.Gamboa@kp.org
- **KP Pride** - contact Jay Bachicha at Joseph.A.Bachicha@kp.org

I'm a Kaiser Permanente employee. Am I eligible for a KPAA scholarship?

No, the KPAA scholarship is awarded only to students graduating from high school in Spring, 2019.