*Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement* (APCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Employee Resource Group of AT&T Inc. A major goal of APCA is to promote diversity and its advantages throughout our corporation and our communities. One way we accomplish this goal is by granting annual non-renewable scholarships to college-bound high school students. The 2017 APCA Scholarship Program will award national scholarships worth $2000 each. Applicants who are not awarded a national scholarship will automatically be considered for a state scholarship. Refer to the <http://apca-att.org/scholarships> site for a list of participating states. One national scholarship will be reserved for children or legal dependents of APCA members.

**APCA Scholarship Program**

Applicants must meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements:

* All full-time graduating high school seniors in good academic standing (minimum unweighted GPA 3.40 on 4-point scale), of any ethnic or cultural background, who plan to attend an accredited college or university (2-year and 4-year).
* **Applicants who are United States citizens or permanent residents of the United States.**
* Applicants who are residents of one of the following states or metropolitan area where we currently have APCA chapters: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area (Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia).

**INSTRUCTIONS**

* **Complete the scholarship application.** The application must be saved as a Microsoft Word or PDF document using the following file name format *FirstName\_LastName\_Application*.
* **Obtain one letter of recommendation.** The recommendation letter must be saved in the following file name format *FirstName\_LastName\_Recommendation* and submitted in Microsoft Word, PDF or JPEG file that is no greater than 1.0MB in size. If you are not able to provide the recommendation letter due to confidentiality concerns, please upload an empty place holder document using the following file name format *FirstName\_LastName\_PlaceHolder*. Please ensure the recommender will send the recommendation letter directly to scholarship@apca-att.org.
* **Upload all documents online at** [**http://apca-att.org/scholarships**](http://apca-att.org/scholarships).

The completed application including essay and recommendation letter must be submitted through the online web form in one transaction by **11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on January 31st, 2017**. You will receive an email confirmation upon successful submission. Please retain the email confirmation as proof of your submission. Do not wait until the last day to apply and submit the materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the APCA scholarship program, please read the FAQ page at <http://apca-att.org/scholarshipfaq>. If your questions are not addressed in the FAQ, you can send email to scholarship@apca-att.org or call Mr. Yakun Gao(Scholarship Program Chair) at 425-633-4935.

**Scholarship Application**

*Type your responses in the form below.*

| Applicant Information |
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| First Name:  | Middle:  | Last Name:  |
| School Name:  |

| **Extracurricular Activities** *(Please list your principal extracurricular activities and hobbies in the order of their interest to you.)* | *Add rows to table below as needed.* |
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| **Example** | **Key Club** | Pacific Northwest Planning Committee Member& School Treasurer — Set goals and methodsfor achieving these goals for Key Clubs in thePacific Northwest, organize and participate in various volunteer projects for ~100-person club, lead weekly meetings, manage finances and fundraising, collect dues and register members. | 09/2013 to01/2016 | 110 | John Smithjohn@emaill.com425-123-4567 |
| **Example** | **Ridge High Latin Club** | Largest school club (90 members), holds monthly meetings and annual banquet with chariot races and siege weapon battle:- As President (grade 12), I direct weekly officer meetings to organize events and serve as master of ceremonies at banquet/meetings.- As Head of Public Relations (grade 11), I promoted meetings & made website (received 1st prize at the 2012 state Latin convention) | 09/2013 to Present | 130 | Jackie Smithjackie@emaill.com509-123-4567 |
| **Organization / Activity** | **Position** (President, Treasurer, Member, Captain, etc.), **Roles, Responsibilities & Significant Accomplishment** | **From / To****(e.g. 08/2013 to Present)** | **TotalHours** | **Contact Name, Contact Email, Contact Telephone Number** |
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| **Community Services***(Please list your principal community and volunteer services in the order of their interest to you.)* | *Add rows to table below as needed.* |
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| **Example** | Youth Initiatives for Women’s Leadership | Nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women by helping them gain access to educational opportunities within their communities | Vice-President: Lead the team in fundraising efforts Helped organize art sale, yard sale, 3 restaurant fundraisers, and 1 concert fundraiser; raised $11,000 | 09/2015 to 10/2016 | 100 | Jane Smithjane@email.com800-123-4567 ext. 8977 |
|  | Charity Circle | To serve local nonprofit organizations and involve teens in community service  | Director of Special Events, School Representative, CharityRepresentative, and ActiveMember; helped collect morethan 18,000 pounds of foodand $3000 in cash for localcommunity members in need | 01/2013 to Present | 50 | Jack Smithjack@email.com800-123-8888 |
| **Organization** | **Organization’s Mission/Description** | **Roles, Responsibilities & Significant Accomplishments** | **From / To****(e.g. 08/2013 to Present)** | **Total Hours** | **Contact Name, Contact Email, Contact Telephone Number** |
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| **Work Experience During High School*****(****Consistent, demanding, and deeper family contributions such as caring for younger siblings, taking on major household duties or working outside the home to provide needed income may be listed.)* | *Add rows to table below as needed.* |
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| **Example** | Quality Food Center | Courtesy Clerk | Bagging groceries, hauling grocery carts, performingcustodial work, and providingcustomer service | 09/2014 to 10/2015 | 225 | Jill Smithjill@email.com206-777-1234 |
| **Example** | The Math and Reading Learning Center | Junior Instructor | Instruct students at the learning center and report progress to parents. Correct papers and prepare materials for classroom setting. | 09/2013 to Present | 300 | John Smithjohn@email.com425-777-1234 |
| **Company** | **Job Title** | **Roles & Responsibilities** | **From / To**(e.g., 08/2012 to Present) | **Total Hours** | **Contact Name, Contact Email, Contact Telephone Number** |
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| **Awards and Special Recognitions***(Academic Awards, Sports Awards, Community Service Awards, etc.)* | *Add rows to table below as needed.* |
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| **Example** | Dartmouth Undergraduate Journal of Science | Dartmouth College | Third Place Winner of International Science Essay Competition consisting of over 80 entries from 20 different countries.  | 03/2014 |
| **Example** | State Champion, HOSA: Future Health Professionals | HOSA: Future Health Professionals | I won First Place in the Biotechnology competitive event at the 2015 Washington HOSA State Leadership Conference. | 05/2015 |
| **Award/Recognition Name** | **Institution/Organization Name** | **Please tell us how you got the award along with the award description.** | **Date Received** |
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1. **Scholarship Letter of Recommendation**

Instructions for Preparer

The recommendation letter must be in Microsoft Word, PDF or JPEG file format that is no greater than 1.0MB in size. The recommendation letter must also be saved in the following file name format *FirstName\_LastName\_Recommendation*.

If you are not able to provide the recommendation letter to the student due to confidentiality concerns, please email recommendation letter file directly to scholarship@apca-att.org and include the student name in the email subject.

Please provide in the body of the recommendation the applicant's name, how you are acquainted with the applicant (cannot be a relative or family member), your position held in the community, your telephone number and email address.

*Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement* (APCA) is awarding scholarships to high school seniors. **Please provide careful consideration in writing the recommendation, as what will be submitted may influence the final selection outcome.** Included in the selection criteria are demonstrated community service and leadership qualities while achieving an above average scholastic performance.

Please comment and cite specific examples of such accomplishments, as well as personal strengths in character and conduct that will allow us to better evaluate the applicant. Please address the following questions in your recommendation letter:

* Under what circumstances did you become acquainted with the applicant?
* Describe evidence of the applicant’s personal qualities, such as his/her service and involvement in the community, school activities or other extra-curricular pursuits, etc.
* Which personal traits of the applicant impress you most? Why? Please add any other comments you want us to know about the applicant.
* What role do you think the applicant’s education will play in his/her future contributions to his/her community?

Please do not limit yourself to only these questions. You can comment in other areas as well.

1. **Scholarship Essay**

Please type your response to the following essay questions on the next page of this scholarship application form in double-spaced, 12 point Arial font. Limit your response to no more than **four** (4) pages. Exceeding the limit will result in deductions from the overall essay score. Please address the subject theme of “**Making a Difference in My Community**” in the essay. Be creative, thoughtful, and well-organized.

***At a minimum the essay should address ALL of the following questions:***

* What are your long-term personal and education goals?
* How has knowledge or awareness about your own culture and other cultures affected your understanding of yourself?
* What key experiences with your own and/or other cultures influenced your goals and your interactions with others? Please provide specific examples.
* How do you plan to use your college education to make a difference in your community?

Please start typing your essay on the next page. Add additional pages as needed. Limit your response to no more than **four** (4) pages. Do not submit the essay as a separate document or attachment.

**Making a Difference in My Community**

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