

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES STUDENT AWARD GUIDELINES & DESCRIPTIONS

Spring 2017

GUIDELINES

Every year, Asian American Studies faculty members honor students for their achievements and contributions. To be considered for one of the departmental awards, applicants must:

- 1) **Complete the AAS Student Awards Application Form;**
- 2) **Write three brief essays** (see page 2 for essay prompts); and
- 3) **Submit a 1-page Resume** (see page 3 for suggested format).

Note that to receive one of the AAS awards, you are also required to attend the annual AAS/ EOP Student Awards & Distinguished Speaker event scheduled for **Thursday, April 27, 2017**.

All materials must be completed and emailed as an attachment (Microsoft Word Doc or PDF) to Professor Tracy Buenavista at tracy.buenavista@csun.edu by **Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 9:00 p.m.** Please include in the email subject line: **"AAS Awards Application – [First & Last Name]."**

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The honors (non-monetary awards) and scholarships (monetary awards) are described below:

HONORS

Promising Freshman/ Sophomore/ Transfer Award* - This award recognizes freshmen, sophomores, and transfer students who have taken (or are taking) a minimum of two AAS courses (or one ethnic studies/one AAS course), and have demonstrated promise in context of academics and/ or community involvement.

**Students interested in this award do not have to complete an application, but simply have to express interest in being nominated to faculty members with whom you have taken courses*

Promising Future Teacher Award - This award recognizes students who would excel in a career in education (K-12 and/or in higher education) and have demonstrated experience as an educator (e.g. peer mentor, tutor, teaching assistant, group leader for AAS courses, and/ or educational researcher).

Community Builder Award - This award recognizes students who play a crucial role in building the Asian and/ or Pacific Islander American community on- and/ or off-campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Achievement Award - The student who receives this award should be a major/double-major in AAS and has demonstrated a strong academic performance and critical understanding of AAS and/ or Ethnic Studies. Priority will be given to a student with senior standing.

Donna Kawamoto Special Achievement Award - The student who receives this award may not necessarily have a high GPA or be considered a visible leader, but the student has demonstrated resiliency and a strong ability to overcome unusual hardships and life circumstances while pursuing higher education.

Enrique de la Cruz Social Justice Award - The student who receives this award has demonstrated a commitment to ending social oppression, an impact on Asian and/ or Pacific Islander American communities on- or off-campus, and /or involvement in social justice organizations or projects; and completed or are in the process of completing community internship hours via the AAS 495 or 497 courses.

Kenyon Chan Outstanding Leadership Award - The student who receives this award is an AAS major, double major, or minor; and has demonstrated the goals and values of the department, as well as campus leadership. The student is engaged in practices that bridge the university and Asian and/ or Pacific Islander American communities, and has advanced Ethnic Studies through research and/ or activism

AAS STUDENT AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

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STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME:

STUDENT I.D.:

- AAS MAJOR
- AAS DOUBLE MAJOR
- AAS MINOR
- Other

If applicable, please indicate minor:
If a double major, please indicate other major:
If a minor, please indicate major:
Please indicate major and/or minor:

CLASS STANDING

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

TRANSFER STUDENT

- Yes
- No

PROJECTED GRADUATION DATE
(Semester/ Year):

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

MAILING ADDRESS:

AAS AWARDS INFORMATION

For which of the following AAS awards would you like to be considered? Check all that apply:

Honors (non-monetary award)

- Promising Freshman/ Sophomore/ Transfer Award**
- Promising Future Teacher Award
- Community Builder Award

Scholarships (monetary award)

- Academic Achievement Award
- Donna Kawamoto Special Achievement Award
- Enrique de la Cruz Social Justice Award
- Kenyon Chan Outstanding Leadership Award

**Do not submit an application for the Promising Freshman/ Sophomore/ Transfer Award, but please express interest in being nominated for the award to faculty members with whom you have taken courses*

ESSAY PROMPTS

- 1) Explain what AAS means to you. Within your response, explain how you became involved in AAS, how you have applied what you have learned in AAS to your daily life (e.g. academics, community involvement, personal life, or work), your goals and how you plan to apply what you have learned in AAS in the future, and how receiving an AAS award will assist you. *Please limit your response to no more than 400 words.*

- 2) What additional information – including but not limited to financial need, special circumstances, or other qualities about yourself – would you like the scholarship committee to consider during the evaluation process? *Please limit your response to no more than 100 words.*

- 3) Should you receive an award, please write a brief bio that you would like to be shared with the audience attending the AAS/ EOP Student Awards and Distinguished Speaker event. *Please limit your response to no more than 100 words.*

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RESUME FORM

Please create a 1-page resume using the following format, particularly with the suggested headers. While this information will be used for the AAS Student Awards application process, the requested information serves as a foundation for you to build your academic/ professional resume.

CONTACT INFO

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

EDUCATION

Major/ Double Major:

Minor:

Cumulative GPA*:

Major GPA*:

[*GPA information can be obtained from your CSUN Portal or a Degree Progress Report (DPR)]

Projected Graduation Date (Semester/ Year):

Please list any postsecondary institutions you attended prior to CSUN

WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list any work/ employment experience you have had since enrolling in college. Include dates of employment (month/ year), employer/ business name, your position, and brief description of your responsibilities.

VOLUNTEER/ INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Please list any volunteer/ internship experience you have had since enrolling in college. Include dates of involvement (month/ year), organization name, your position, and brief description of your responsibilities.

HONORS & AWARDS

Please list any honors and/ or awards (including scholarships) that you have received since enrolling in college. Include the semester/ academic year you received the honor/ award and the name of the organization that sponsored the honor/ award.

SKILLS

Please list any skills (e.g. languages or professional skills) or unique qualities that you would like to share with the evaluators.

REFERENCES

Please list the names and contact information of at least 2 individuals who are familiar with your academic and/ or work/ volunteer experience.