

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES STUDENT AWARD GUIDELINES & DESCRIPTIONS

Spring 2020

GUIDELINES

Every year, Asian American Studies faculty members honor students for their achievements and contributions to the department, campus, and community. 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 **Wednesday, April 22, 2020**.

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 **Monday, March 23, at 11:59 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.*

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

Eunai Shrake Promising Educator Award - This award attempts to address the lack of Asian American representation in the teaching force, and recognizes students who have demonstrated a commitment to and potential for a career in the education field be it in the K–12 classroom or higher education.

Laura Uba 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.:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAS MAJOR | If applicable, please indicate minor: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAS DOUBLE MAJOR | If a double major, please indicate other major: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAS MINOR | If a minor, please indicate major: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 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***
 Community Builder Award

Scholarships (monetary award)

- Eunai Shrake Promising Educator Award
 Laura Uba 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) What is one critical concern or challenge (e.g., immigration, mental health, incarceration, housing insecurity) facing Asian American or Pacific Islander communities today? How has Asian American Studies helped you to understand and/or address/take action around this issue? *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.*

*Please note that Fall 2020 graduates who plan to participate in the Spring 2020 commencement are eligible to apply

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RESUME FORM

Please create a 1-page resume that includes the following information. If you do not already have a resume, the suggested headers are a good guideline to format such a document. While this information will be used for the AAS Student Awards application process, the requested information can serve 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 (name and contact info) who are familiar with your academic and/ or work/ volunteer experience.