

# 2022 Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship Q&A

# **Quick Glance Information**

- Scholarship in memory of San Francisco Chinatown leader Rose Pak
- Number of Awards: Minimum 5
- Award amount: Up to \$5,000.00
- Application Deadline: 7/15/2022
- Renewable? No

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Students of Asian and Pacific Islander Origin
- Grade level: incoming Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior at a four-year university in 2022 2023
- Student's permanent resident must be from a San Francisco Bay Area County\*
- No Major requirements, but student must be able to demonstrate strong leadership qualities and commitment to serve their own community, see question B for full details
- Preference given to students who are first generation in immediate family attending a fouryear university and students from low-income families
- International and foreign-exchange students are NOT eligible

### **Selection Criteria**

- Leadership qualities
- Willingness to serve their own communities and pursue career in public service
- Academic performance

### A) What is the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship?

The Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship is a merit-based award offered to students of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) origin, who is from San Francisco Bay Area\* and wants to get an education in preparation for a career in public service. The 2022 Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to five students in the amount up to \$5,000 each. The scholarship may be applied to tuition only. We will not accept applications from international or foreign-exchange students.

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\* San Francisco Bay Area Counties include San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Marin County, Solano County, and Sonoma County. \*\*Required



# B) Who are the Rose Pak Scholars?

Rose Pak Scholars are API students who have been recognized by the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship as future leaders in the community. They have the drive to serve the community and have demonstrated leadership potential in the past that in time should enable them to improve the ways that public entities - be they government agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private educational institutions, or advocacy organizations - serve the public good.

### *C) Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?*

Asian Pacific Islander students who are entering or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university as an undergraduate in the 2022 fall or 2023 Spring semester. Students home residence must be from San Francisco Bay Area counties\*, a member of the API community, and from a low-income family. Priority for applicants who are the first in their immediate families to attend college.

Applicants must demonstrate experience of leadership and an intent to pursue a career in public service. A career in public service is defined as working in an area that will advance the empowerment and improvement of outcomes for low-income communities and communities of color. This can encompass working in a community-based nonprofit organization, the public sector, and elected office.

# D) How can I obtain and apply?

The application period will be from 4/1/2022 to 07/15/2022. All applications must be received by 5pm on 7/15/2022 to be eligible (No exceptions). Applicants can apply online or download a paper application on <u>www.rosepakcommunityfund.org/scholarship</u>. Paper applications must be mailed to the following address via REGULAR MAIL ONLY:

### Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship 2022 728 Sacramento Street San Francisco, California 94108

### *E)* What else do I need to submit in addition to the application?

In addition to your application, applicants must submit the follow documents, failure to attach any of the supporting documents might result in disqualification of the applicant.

- 1) School transcript with GPA (generated within 90 days of application unofficial transcripts will be accepted) \*\*
- 2) If graduating H.S. senior or junior college transfer student, letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend\*\*
- 3) Proof of home residence (Govt. I.D. Card, school letter, govt. letter etc.) \*\*
- 4) FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) \*\*

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- 5) 1 letter of recommendation (optional)
- 6) Household main income earner's proof of unemployment or financial hardship (optional see question PART VI C and D)

(Please note that while documents #5 and #6 are optional, we encourage applicants to submit those optional documents whenever applicable to give the scholarship selection committee a better understanding of your qualities and you or your family's financial hardship relative to the cost of tuition.)

## *F)* When can I apply for the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship?

The application period for the 2022 Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship will be from 4/1/2022 to 7/15/2022. Recipients of the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship will be notified by the first week of August and will be invited to attend an award ceremony event in the fall of 2022. (Exact date of event will be communicated to the winning applicants in the future).

## G) What if I have a question about the application?

Questions about the application should be addressed to **info@rosepakcommunityfund.org**. Please note that we cannot advise applicants on the substance of the application.

## H) Is the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship renewable?

No, the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship is non-renewable. Awarded applicants are not allowed to reapply.

Applications must be received by 7/15/2022 - 5pm to the following address (regular mail only):

### Attn: Dixon Li Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship 2022 728 Sacramento Street San Francisco, California 94108

#### Please submit the following documents in addition to your essay questions:

1) Dated school transcript with GPA (generated within 90 days of application - unofficial transcripts will be accepted) \*\*

2) If graduating H.S. senior or junior college transfer student, letter of acceptance from the college you plan to attend\*\*

3) Proof of home residence (Govt. I.D. Card, school letter, govt. letter etc.) \*\*

4) FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) \*\*

5) 1 letter of recommendation (optional)

6) Household main income earner's proof of unemployment or financial hardship (optional - see question PART VI - C and D)

Please email <u>info@rosepakcommunityfund.org</u> for questions or inquiries.

This application cannot be amended once submitted! Unsigned applications will NOT be accepted.

Part I. Personal Information

Legal Name:		
Common Name (if applicable):		
Date of Birth:		
Gender:	-	
Country/State of Birth:	-	
Permanent Residence:		
Mailing Address (if different):		
Phone Number:		
Email:		

Part II. Current Academic Standing

What is your current academic standing? (Circle One)

Graduating H.S. Senior	/	Undergraduate	/	Postgraduate	/	City/or Community College	/	Other

Please explain if you circled "Other":

Which college or high school are you currently attending?

If you are a graduating H.S. senior or junior college transfer student, what school will you be attending in the fall or spring semester?

What is your current major at school? If you are a graduating H.S. senior, what is your planned major?

Are you taking any minor studies? (if applicable):

Number of college credits earned to date (including Advanced Placement courses if applicable):

Total number of credits required for graduation (for current undergraduate students only):

Expected month and year to receive baccalaureate degree (month and year only):

Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend a 4-year college? Yes / N									No			
Are you or	Are you or your family a first-generation immigrant to the United States? Yes / No											
What is the	bes	t method t	o get	in touch with y	ou?	Mail	/	Phone	/	Ema	ıil	
How did yo	u h	ear about t	he Ro	ose Pak Commu	unity	Fund?						
TV	/	Internet	/	Newspaper	/	Communi	ity C	Organizat	tion	s /		Other:

If you circled "other", please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Part III. Leadership Experiences – attach additional sheets if needed, write "none" if the question is not applicable to you.

A) List any secondary/high school from which you graduated, or previous higher education institutions attended, such as community colleges. Including study-abroad, exchange programs etc. (List up to six).

Name and Location of School	Type of School/Program	Date Attended	

B) List any college or high school extracurricular activities (such as student government, sports, publications, community service programs, arts, etc.) that you have or are currently participating in. List in descending order or significance. (Up to eight).

Activity	Role	Active Period

C) List a public services, leadership, and community services (community organizing and civic engagement, environmental, government, non-profit, business religious organizations etc.) that you had or are involved with? Do not repeat activities listed previously. (List up to eight).

Activity	Role	Active Period

D) List any full-time and part-time jobs, and nongovernment internships that are relevant to your field of studies or can demonstrate involvement in your community?

Type of Work/Part-time/Full-Time?	Role	Active Period

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E) In 100 words or less, what do you hope to pursuit upon completing your undergraduate studies? (attached additional sheets if needed).

#### Part VI. Student financial needs

A) Based on your family's most recent tax return. Please provide your family's approximate annual income level by circling the corresponding maximum income levels with the total number of family members (including yourself) in the chart below. (For example, if there are 3 family members in your household and your family's combined annual income is approximately \$40,000, then you will be circle >\$57,650)

Total #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
of								
family								
members								
30%	>\$28,000	>\$31,950	>\$35,950	>\$39,950	>\$43,150	>\$46,350	>\$49,550	>\$52,750
50%	>\$46,650	>\$53,300	>\$59,950	>\$66,600	>\$71,950	>\$77,250	>\$82,600	>\$87,900
100%	>\$93,250	>\$106,550	>\$119,900	>\$133,200	>\$143,850	>\$154,500	>\$165,150	>\$175,800
150%	>\$139,900	>\$159,850	>\$179,850	>\$199,800	>\$215,800	>\$231,750	>\$247,750	>\$263,700

B) In 100 words or less, please provide additional information about your family's current financial situation. Please explain clearly why your college tuition will create financial burden on your family? Are there any unusual or personal circumstances that will hinder your family's ability to pay your tuition?

C) Has the main income earner in your family been involuntary laid-off or lost employment for more than 90 days in the past 12 months due to COVID-19? (If you circled "Yes", please submit additional documentation along with your application as proof, such as main income earner's employer verification, EDD statements, or other official documents).

Yes / No / Not Applicable

D) Has the main income earner in your family since resume employment?

Yes / No / Not Applicable

E) If you are currently enrolled in H.S., are you participating in reduced price or free school meal program? (Circle one)

Yes / No / Not Applicable

F) If you are under the age of 21, are you currently participating in Medi-Cal or Medi-Aid program? (Circle one)

Yes / No / Not Applicable

G) Are you from a single parent household?

Yes / No / Not Applicable

H) List the name and annual amount of any grants/scholarships you have been awarded for 2022-23.

Name of Scholarship/grant	Date received	Amount Received	One time or recurring scholarship?	Grant Period (if applicable)

I) Has anyone in your immediate family received the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship in the past? If yes, please list the name of your immediate family member.

Part V. Required Essay Questions – Please attach additional sheets for answers. PUT YOUR NAME AND COPY THE ENTIRE QUESTION ON THE TOP OF YOUR ANSWER SHEETS.

## A) Question 1:

In 500 words or less, can you describe a leadership experience you had in any area of your life, such as school, work, internship, volunteer work, athletics, family etc. Was there an objective or goal that you were trying to achieve? If you did not achieve the desired objective or goal, what do you think you would have done differently? Can you share what you've learnt from your experience as a leader?

### B) Question 2:

(Sign here)

In 500 words or less, describe how you plan to use the career goals you've answered in question III (E) to advance the socioeconomical status or civil rights of Asian and Pacific Islanders in your own community? Do you have any experiences at school or outside of school that can demonstrate your intentions?

- End -

I,

\_, have read and understand the conditions of the Rose Pak Memorial

Scholarship as explained in the current program FAQs. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in public service as defined in that document and that I am an Asian Pacific Islander from a low-income family. I affirm that all of this application is my own work. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Falsifying information can result in my application being withdrawn immediately.