



## 2023 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: 6/30/2023 – 5 PM**
- Renewable? No
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the school's financial aid office towards the cost of tuition.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Students of Asian and Pacific Islander Origin
- Grade level: incoming Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior at a four-year university in 2023 – 2024
- Student's permanent resident must be from a San Francisco Bay Area County\*
- No Major requirements, but students must be able to demonstrate strong leadership qualities and commitment to serve their own community.
- International and foreign-exchange students are NOT eligible.
- Students who received full-ride scholarships for their undergraduate studies are NOT eligible.

### Selection Criteria (Not weighted in this order)

- Leadership qualities
- Academic performance
- Financial burden of tuition relative to family income
- Willingness to serve their communities and pursue a career in public service.
- Preference is given to students from the first generation in the immediate family attending a four-year university and students from low-income families.

#### *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 2023 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 2023 fall or 2024 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) Can International or Foreign Exchange students apply?*

No, we DO NOT accept applications from International or Foreign Exchange students.

*E) How can I obtain and apply?*

The application period will be from 4/1/2023 to 06/30/2023 – 5 PM. All applications must be received by 5 pm on 6/30/2023 to be eligible (No exceptions). Applicants can apply online or download a paper application on [www.rosepakcommunityfund.org/scholarship](http://www.rosepakcommunityfund.org/scholarship). Paper applications must be mailed to the following address via REGULAR MAIL ONLY:

**Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship 2023  
728 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, California 94108**



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

In addition to your application, applicants must submit the following 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)\*\* - All Pages
- 5) 1 letter of recommendation (optional)
- 6) Household main income earner's proof of financial hardship (optional - see question PART IV – B)

(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.)

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

The application period for the 2023 Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship will be from 4/1/2023 to 6/30/2023 – 5 PM. 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 2023. (Exact date of the event will be communicated to the winning applicants in the future).

*H) What if I have a question about the application?*

Questions about the application should be addressed to [info@rosepakcommunityfund.org](mailto:info@rosepakcommunityfund.org). Please note that we cannot advise applicants on the substance of the application.

*I) Is the Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship renewable?*

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

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Attn: Dixon Li  
Rose Pak Memorial Scholarship 2023  
728 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, California 94108

Please submit the following documents in addition to your essay questions (\*\* Required):

- 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\*\*
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### Part I. Personal Information

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Country/State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best method to get in touch with you?      **Mail** / **Phone** / **Email**

How did you hear about the Rose Pak Community Fund?

**TV** / **Internet** / **Newspaper** / **Community Organizations** / **Family Member or Friends** / **Others**

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

Applicant Name:

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\*\*Required

**Part II. Current Academic Standing**

What is your current academic standing? (Circle One)

**Graduating H.S. Senior / Undergraduate / Postgraduate / Junior or Community College / Others**

If you circled “other”, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Part III. Experiences and Leadership** – attach additional sheets if needed and write “none” if it does not apply 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 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

E) In 150 words or less, what do you hope to pursue upon completing your undergraduate studies? (Attached additional sheets if needed).

A "catastrophic" tornado tore through the southern US state of Arkansas and killed three people on Friday, while severe storms further north caused the roof of an Illinois theater to collapse, leaving one dead and 28 injured, authorities said. The Arkansas tornado whipped across the state in the afternoon, causing what Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders called "widespread damage."

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**Part IV. 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 \$60,000, then you will be circle >\$62,350)

Total # of family members	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30%	>\$29,100	>\$33,250	>\$37,400	>\$41,550	>\$44,900	>\$48,200	>\$51,550	>\$54,850
50%	>\$48,500	>\$55,450	>\$62,350	>\$69,300	>\$74,850	>\$80,350	>\$85,900	>\$91,450
100%	>\$97,000	>\$110,850	>\$124,700	>\$138,550	>\$149,650	>\$160,700	>\$171,800	>\$182,900
150%	>\$145,500	>\$166,300	>\$187,050	>\$207,850	>\$224,500	>\$241,050	>\$257,700	>\$274,350

B) In 150 words or less, please provide additional information about your family’s financial situation. Please explain clearly why your college tuition will burden your family financially. Are any unusual or personal circumstances hindering your family’s ability to pay your tuition? (Attached additional documents if needed).



C) 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**

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

**Yes / No / Not Applicable**

E) Are you from a single-parent household?

**Yes / No / Not Applicable**

F) Are you the first in your immediate family to attend a 4-year college?

**Yes / No**

G) Are you or your family a first-generation immigrant to the United States?

**Yes / No**

H) List the name and annual amount of any grants/scholarships you have been awarded for 2023-24.

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

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 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? What would you have done differently if you did not achieve the desired objective or goal? Can you share what you've learned from your experience as a leader?

B) Question 2:

What does the term “community” mean to you? Can you describe some of the biggest obstacles or barriers facing your community? How do those barriers you've described prevent your community from advancing in terms of the socio-economic or civil rights of the community? How can you use your intended career path to address those obstacles?

- End -

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the conditions of the Rose Pak Memorial  
(Sign here)

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 work. I affirm that 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.