



GEORGE CHOY MEMORIAL/GAY ASIAN PACIFIC ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP
ADMINISTERED BY THE HORIZONS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(please TYPE or PRINT)

PART I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone Number _____
(day) _____ (evening) _____

Current Address _____
(if different from permanent)

Email Address _____

PART II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School
Attending/Attended _____ Yr. Graduated _____
(name) _____ (city/state)

Postsecondary
School Attending _____ Yr. in School _____
(name) _____ (city/state)

Field of Study
and Degree _____
Major (proposed or declared) _____ Minor (proposed or declared, if applicable) _____

Anticipated Degree _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Academic Status _____
Current GPA (attach most recent transcripts) _____

How many units will you carry during the applicable term(s)? _____

PART III. SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION

- A. I certify that the information I have presented in this application form, and any attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- B. I agree to notify the Horizons Foundation immediately of any change in my academic status that 1) makes any information presented on this application form or attachments no longer true and correct, and/or 2) makes me ineligible for support for this Fund as outlined in the funding guidelines.
- C. I understand that the names of recipients of scholarship support from the George Choy Memorial/GAPA Scholarship are listed in Foundation publications and reports.
- D. I self-identify as an API with at least 25% API ancestry

NAME (printed) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

PART IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (use only the space provided)

1. Please describe a significant challenge in your life and the lessons learned from it.

2. Describe any extracurricular activities or honors you feel best highlight your potential as a leader in our community:

PART V. Essay Question (500 word limit, use separate sheet)

Describe a significant challenge facing the API and/or LGBT communities. How do you think you could contribute to help address that challenge?

RETURN TO: Horizons Foundation, 870 Market Street, Suite 728, San Francisco, CA 94102, (415) 398-2333



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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES 2009

The purpose of the George Choy Memorial/Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (l/g/b/t) Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) in post-secondary education.

George Choy was an ardent activist who spoke out for queer APIs, driven by the belief that we are all "part of the family too." He was especially vocal in support of queer youth in our community, successfully representing GAPA to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for passing Project 10, the counseling program for lesbian and gay teenagers in public high schools.

GAPA is dedicated to creating awareness, developing a positive identity and establishing a supportive community for gay and bisexual API men. In keeping with the vision of George Choy, this scholarship embraces lesbians, transgender people and other sexual minorities.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Application must be postmarked by **Sept 15, 2009**.
- Maximum grant award per student is up to \$1000.
- Award will be made approximately 6-8 weeks following the application deadline.
- Awards will be granted directly to student recipients and may be presented by GAPA.
- Parts of the scholarship recipient's essay may be included in a GAPA announcement of the awardee.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

Applicants eligible for scholarship support must :

- be self-identified as an Asian/Pacific Islander; (at least 25% API ancestry); (priority will be given to those self-identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, or involved in the LGBT community);
- be a) in the process of applying to, or b) currently attending a post-secondary undergraduate institution; (college, university, community college or vocational school);
- be studying in one of the nine-Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano;
- have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better (on a scale of 4.)

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for scholarship support, eligible applicants must:

- complete the Horizons Foundation's scholarship application form;
- attach the most recent transcript(s) to verify GPA;
- attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills;
- attach a 500 word typed essay that answers; "What do you think an organization like GAPA can play in the community and how could you contribute to this vision"?

*The **Horizons Foundation** is a grantmaking community foundation dedicated to improving the human services and quality of life of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people. The Foundation's principal objectives are threefold:*

- *to raise funds to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations serving the LGBT community;*
- *to provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations serving the LGBT community; and*
- *to encourage philanthropic activism within the LGBT community.*



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Application Postmark Deadline: Sept 15, 2009

One Grant Award: up to \$1000

Minimum Eligibility:

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- **be self-identified as an Asian/Pacific Islander;**
(at least 25% API ancestry); (priority will be given to those self-identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, or involved in the LGBT community);
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(college, university, community college or vocational school);
- **be studying in one of the nine-Bay Area counties:**
Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano; and
- **have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better (on a scale of 4)**

How do I Apply:

You can download the application from the GAPA website at: <http://www.gapa.org/Scholarship/>

Mail completed application to the Horizon's foundation:



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San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel: (415) 398-2333

The **Horizons Foundation** is a grantmaking community foundation dedicated to improving the human services and quality of life of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance/GAPA is pleased to invite applications for the 2009 George Choy Memorial/GAPA Scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) in the process of applying to, or currently attending a post-secondary undergraduate institution; (college, university, community college or vocational school).

Who was George Choy?

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CHECKLIST

- Do you meet all the Minimum Eligibility requirements?
- Did you complete the Horizons Foundation's application form?
- Did you sign the application form?
- Did you attach a copy of your most recent transcripts to verify GPA?
- Did you attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills?
- Did you complete and attach a 500 word essay?
- Is all information typed or printed?

Send completed application form and attachments, postmarked no later than **Sept 15, 2009**, to:



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