

FEDERAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN COUNCIL 2019 DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP



The [FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.](#) is a non-profit organization that promotes the recognition of Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) scholars. Since 2013, FAPAC has awarded this scholarship to students who exhibit academic excellence, have an interest in public service, and have made contributions to foster diversity and inclusion in the AAPI community.

The scholarship is presented in honor of three distinguished AAPI leaders on a rotational basis. Their dedication and efforts in public service have opened the doors for many others.

- The late [Congressman Dalip Singh Saund](#), an Indian American who was the first Asian American elected to Congress.
- Former [Secretary Norman Y. Mineta](#), a Japanese American who was the first Asian American to serve in two Cabinet positions as Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation.
- [Secretary Elaine L. Chao](#), a Chinese American who became the first Asian American woman ever appointed to the President's Cabinet as the Secretary of Labor. She currently serves as the 18th Secretary of Transportation.

The 2019 FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholarship will be given in honor of **Congressman Dalip Singh Saund**, to one (1) student during the annual FAPAC National Leadership Training Program in May 2019. The scholarship recipient will receive a stipend of \$5,000 towards his or her education.

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2019 at 8:00 pm ET

Point of Contact: scholarship@fapac.org

Eligibility

- Open to all college students of AAPI heritage with U. S. citizenship
- Currently enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States
- Degree-seeking students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Not open to previous scholarship winners or children of FAPAC Officers

Submission Process

1. Application package shall include the items listed below. **Incomplete packages will not be considered.**
 - a. A letter of recommendation with detailed description of your service(s) to foster diversity and inclusion in the AAPI communities;
 - b. Transcripts from your educational institution (unofficial or official transcripts accepted);
 - c. Essay (no more than two pages) of the applicant's contributions to serve the AAPI communities and how leaders like **Congressman Dalip Singh Saund** served as a role model.
 - d. One-page biography
 - e. Head shot photo
2. Submit a complete application [online](#) by **February 28, 2019 at 8:00 pm ET**.

Evaluation Process

The Award Committee is comprised of the Awards Committee Chair and a Panel of Judges. The Awards Committee will review each application based on the criteria below. Each criterion will be rated on a 25-point scale for a maximum of 100 points.

- Criterion 1: Demonstrates interest and commitment to public service
- Criterion 2: Demonstrates a continuous effort to foster diversity and inclusion in AAPI communities
- Criterion 3: Demonstrated leadership potential and desire for continued growth in leadership skills
- Criterion 4: Excellence in academic achievement

The Awards Committee will select the scholarship winner with the highest average score and present the result to the FAPAC President for final review and approval. The awardee will be provided a formal notice of their selection by March 2019.