



SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Objective: To support Filipino community college students in California as they transfer to four-year universities, empowering the next generation of Filipino-American leaders through financial assistance and recognition of academic excellence and service in the Fil-Am community.

DEADLINE: June 1st, 2026

Award:

Up to \$2,000 (one-time, non-renewable)

Selection Criteria:

- Academic Excellence
- Well-informed academic and career goals
- Personal strengths, including maturity and potential to succeed
- Financial need
- Triumph over hardship
- Potential to make a difference in the Fil-Am community

Eligibility Criteria:

- California community college students who have been accepted to a four-year college/university and will attend in the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Financial need
- Ethnic Heritage: Filipino immigrant or child of Filipino immigrant(s)
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Preference given to those with volunteer service in the Filipino American community

Application Checklist: Applicants are responsible for submitting all materials to the Philippine International Aid by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.**

This application becomes complete and valid only when PIA has received all of the following materials:

1. Completed student application form
2. Essay based on prompts
3. Most recent transcript(s) of grades with GPA; unofficial transcripts are OK

Completed application form with supplemental materials must be emailed by **Monday, June 1st**. Finalists will be chosen by Monday, August 31st. Interviews will be conducted remotely by the Scholarship Board via Zoom at an agreed-up time and date.

Winners' attendance is required at the PIA annual fundraising event in order to receive the scholarship check (date, time, and location TBD).

**Email completed application to:
administration@phil-aid.org**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To apply, please complete the following application form. Please type or print legibly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name:	Middle name/initial:	Last name:
Home phone:	Cell phone:	Date of birth:
Email address:		Gender:
Source of Filipino Heritage (e.g. mom/dad, grandparents):		

PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Address (Number & Street):		
City:	State:	Zip code:

MAILING ADDRESS *(if different from above)*

Address (Number & Street):		Apartment/Suite:
City:	State:	Zip/Postal Code:

FINANCIAL DATA

Annual Personal Income: <input type="checkbox"/> < \$40,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 - \$80,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,000 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$200,000+
Briefly explain your financial need

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Current College:	Intended College/University:	Acceptance Status <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Waitlisted <input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting Response
Intended Major(s) and/or Minor(s):	Extracurricular Activities:	Expected Graduation Date:

PUBLICITY

How did you find out about this scholarship?

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ESSAY

Tell us your story and why you believe you deserve this scholarship by answering the prompts honestly (minimum 250 words) and without the aid of Artificial Intelligence. Use a 12-point font, with 1-inch margins and double-spaced. Please attach a separate PDF to your email submission.

Academic and Career Goals: *Describe your academic and career aspirations, including how obtaining this scholarship will support you.*

Personal Strength & Triumph Over Hardship: *Reflect on personal strengths, challenges you've faced, and how you've overcome them.*

Making a Difference in the Filipino American Community: *Discuss your involvement in the Filipino American community and how you envision yourself making a difference in the future.*

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

By submitting this application, I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true, to the best of my ability. I understand that incomplete applications will not be evaluated, and that the scholarship is contingent upon attending the PIA annual fundraising event (TBD), to receive the scholarship check if selected as a winner.

I do hereby consent and agree that Philippine International Aid, its board officers/members, employees, or agents have the right to share my personal stories (not financial information) from my essays and to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me if chosen as a recipient of the U.S. Scholarship, and to use these in any and all media, now or hereafter known, and exclusively for the purpose of promoting the organization's charitable causes. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

SIGNATURE & DATE

PRINTED NAME

