



*"To Reach Beyond Ordinary Achievement"*

## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Application Available: March 1, 2017**  
**Postmark Deadline: June 15, 2017**

Panyha Foundation initially provided scholarships for Lao-American students. The foundation now offers scholarships to include students of Asian descent defined by the U.S. Census. The scholarship provides access to higher education through its scholarship fund to students with outstanding academic, community service and leadership quality. In this effort, Panyha Foundation will fulfill its mission of acknowledging the power of a quality education in the spirit of "Panyha" in order to inspire student scholars *to reach beyond ordinary achievement*. If selected, recipients will be awarded a scholarship totaling up to \$10,000. The scholarship provides educational opportunities for students who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in the U.S.

### Eligibility Criteria

- A U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States that is of Asian descent. The U.S. Census classifies Asian as "people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent" (U.S. Census). This would include those who have ancestry from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- Incoming Freshman or current, full-time undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited, four-year college or university in Florida
- Full-time student enrolled in Florida Community College with a strong commitment to transfer to a four year college or university in Florida
- Past recipients with an undergraduate status may re-apply
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 GPA

### Ineligibility Criteria

- Has earned a 4-year college degree
- If he or she has been convicted for committing a felony offense



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**Application Checklist:** Applicants are responsible for submitting all materials to Panyha Foundation by the stated deadline. *Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.* This application becomes complete and valid only when the Panyha Foundation has received all of the following materials:

- Complete on-line Student Scholarship Application form
- Most recent official transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale; online transcripts are not acceptable)
- Personal Statement\*
- Essay on Cultural Identity\*
- Resume (include paid/unpaid work experience, school activities, family responsibilities, community service, honors and awards)
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT score report(s) (*required for incoming freshman only*)
- One Letter of recommendation

Completed application form with supplemental materials must be postmarked by **June 15, 2017** and sent to:

**Panyha Foundation Student Scholarship**  
**4994 Park Boulevard North**  
**Saint Petersburg, Florida 33781**  
Email: [info@panyhafoundation.org](mailto:info@panyhafoundation.org)

Applicants will be notified by mail in early July whether or not they have been selected as the 2017 scholarship recipients.

Selection will be based on student's overall academic progress, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and participation in community activities.

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Please write a personal statement that addresses the topics below. The purpose of the essay is to learn more about the applicant personally. As such, the applicant should answer the questions below to the extent that they are relevant to them. **The essay should be at least 1,000 words for part A and 250 words or more for part B, typed 11-point font and double-spaced.** Each essay should include the applicant's name; specify the applicant's status as an incoming high school senior, undergraduate, or community college student; and the name of the scholarship at the top of each page.

**A. Personal Statement**

What are your future educational and career goals? In your answer describe what personal characteristics do you think will help you achieve these goals? Also, discuss a challenge—academic or personal—that you have faced and how you have overcome or dealt with it. For example, an unusual family or personal circumstances that affected your achievement in school, work, or participation in school and community activities.

**B. Essay on Cultural Identity**

The purpose of the Cultural Identity essay is to define how your cultural background has shaped your personal identity in today's multicultural society.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: First Middle Last

Telephone: ( ) - E-mail: Date of Birth: / /

Gender: Female Male

How did you hear about this program? (please check all that apply)

College/Career Counselor Teacher Family/Family Friend

News: (Source) Internet: (Website) Other:

PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Address:

City: State: Zip Code: County:

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above)

Address:

City: State: Zip Code: County:

ASIAN ANCESTRY (please check all that apply and specify ethnicity):

Mother: Maternal Grandfather: Maternal Grandmother:
Father: Paternal Grandfather: Paternal Grandmother:
Other:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: First Middle Last

Address:

Telephone: ( ) - E-mail:

Relationship to Applicant:



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**PARENTS' INFORMATION** (to be completed if student is still resides in parents' household or is claimed as a dependent. Option: submit most recent FAFSA form or fill-in income below)

Occupation of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status of Parents/Guardian:  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed  Single

Number of children attending college in 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S FINANCIAL DATA** (if employed part- or full-time)

Adjusted Gross Income: (Form 1040 – line 37) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cash, Checking, Savings, and Cash Value of Stocks : (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Average number of hours worked: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Dependent Status:  Living with parent(s); claimed as dependent  Financially independent from parent(s)

Your Marital Status:  Single  Separated  Married  Divorced  Widowed Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER AWARDS:**

Please list the name and annual amount of any grants/scholarships you have been awarded for the coming school year.

Name of Award:	School to which award will be applied:	Amount:	Status:
_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
_____	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending



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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

(Expected) Graduation Date: Month / Year \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted G.P.A. (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Community College: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Transfer Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Four-year institution you plan to transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing:  on-campus  off-campus  commute from home

Tuition:  in-state resident tuition  out-of-state tuition

**SAT SCORES** *(for incoming freshman only)*

Mathematics: \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Tests \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable) (subject) (score) (subject) (score)



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**AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

I release to Panyha Foundation the right to access all my current and ongoing personal and academic records and transcripts. I understand my name and information from my academic history will be released to the Panyha Foundation Officers and Education Program Committee(s). If awarded a scholarship, I will be available to Panyha Foundation, to arrange meetings with potential donors and use my name, story, and pictures for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases, without compensation, as well as I will attend ceremonies, events, receptions, and the likes.

I certify that the statements herein are true and to the best of my knowledge and grant permission for the information contained herein to be shared with Panyha Foundation Officers, Education Program Committee(s) and Scholarship Donors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Student's Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's Signature (if student is under 18)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Parent's Name*