

Central California Asian Pacific Women Scholarships 2011

Applications are now available for CCAPW 2011 Scholarships. Contact Rita Merzoian at rmerzoian@sbcglobal.net for an application or download the application at www.ccapw.org. The deadline for 2011 applications is May 15, 2011.



CCAPW General Scholarship

The purpose of CCAPW's general scholarship awards is to provide financial assistance to Asian and Pacific Islander women residing in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced or Tulare Counties. The selection criteria include academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Applicants may be entering, continuing undergraduate, or re-entry students in a college or university. Special awards are also available for students studying in the areas of health, business, or early childhood education.



Mae Takahashi Scholarship

Mae Takahashi 1936-2001

Mae Takahashi was the founding president of CCAPW. She pioneered the development of a Central California organization of Asian Pacific women by modeling sister Asian and Pacific Islander women's organizations in Los Angeles and the Bay Area. She established the Central Valley's participation in state and national APW networks. Mae initiated and oversaw the governance issues of the organization's nonprofit status and planted the seeds for the organization's successful review of 25 years. She has been an integral part of improving the status of API women in the Central Valley. Today our membership of community activists, professionals, educators, health providers, businesswomen, Asian and Pacific Islander organizational and community leaders continues the CCAPW mission in her honor and memory.



Joan M. Agustin Memorial Scholarship

Joan M. Agustin 1957-1996

Joan M. Agustin loved children and dedicated her studies and life's work to a child's first formal educational experience in a preschool setting. She was a teacher/director at Wesley Headstart in Fresno, California where she mentored new teachers, welcomed parents into classrooms and valued family and diversity. She challenged the status quo by applying tested early childhood education techniques to non-English speakers, blended, and culturally and socio-economically diverse children and their families. She taught by example. Personally Joan was a fun-loving jokester who inspired laughter by poking the most fun at herself. In memory of Joan's life work and love of life, her family and friends offer a scholarship to a student of early childhood education through CCAPW.