2026 Scholarship Application FAQ

Asian American Student Achievers Awards

Application deadline	October 1, 2026
Award ceremony	Friday, November 6, 2026 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Ceremony location	Elite Preparatory Academy, 1636 W Oak Ridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809
Questions	Contact your sponsoring AAHC Council member organization

This FAQ summarizes the 2026 Application Overview. Applicants should review the official application materials and Google Form before submitting.

https://www.aahc-cf.org/scholarship.html

General Eligibility

1. Who can apply for Category I: Scholastic?

Applicants must live in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, or Volusia County; have completed grades 3–12 by June 2026; be sponsored by an AAHC Council member organization; and have at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA.

2. Which grade levels are eligible for the Scholastic category?

Students who completed high school grades 9–12, middle school grades 6–8, or elementary school grades 3–5 by June 2026 are eligible, provided they meet the other requirements.

3. Do I need an AAHC sponsor?

Yes. Category I applicants must be sponsored by an AAHC Council member organization. The application overview directs applicants to the AAHC website for the list of member organizations.

For member organization listing, please visit AAHC website - https://www.aahc-cf.org/member-organizations.html

4. Who is eligible for Category III: Essay?

The overview states that applicants must have completed high school grades 9–12 by June 2026.

5. Can I apply for the Essay category without applying for Scholastic?

Yes. Applicants may apply for Category III: Essay without applying for Category I: Scholastic.

Category I: Scholastic

6. What does the Scholastic category consider?

Judging considers the applicant's 2025–2026 GPA, Asian community involvement, local community involvement, school extracurricular and leadership activities, non-school activities, and distinct awards or recognition.

7. What dates count for activities, awards, and leadership roles?

All claimed activities must have occurred from August 3, 2025 through August 8, 2026.

8. Do I need proof for every activity or award I list?

Yes. Each claimed activity, award, or leadership role must be supported by official documentation.

9. What counts as supporting documentation?

Examples in the overview include an award certificate or a verification letter from a teacher, counselor, coach, club advisor, or awarding organization. Verification letters must include the issuer's contact information.

10. Do I need to submit my transcript?

Yes. Category I instructions require an official transcript or official school records/grades.

Category III: Essay

11. How long should the essay be?

The essay must be at least 250 words and no more than 500 words.

12. What should I write about?

The essay must respond to one of the approved 2026 essay prompts. The Application Overview does not reproduce the prompts, so applicants should use the prompts provided in the official application materials.

13. Can I use AI to write my essay?

No. The overview states that essays containing plagiarized or AI-generated content will be disqualified.

14. Could I have to present my essay?

Yes. Winners may be required to read their essay at the award ceremony.

Forms, Files & Submission

15. What forms are required?

The overview instructs applicants to complete the required online application sections and obtain the required sponsorship signature on Form B. For Category III, it specifically says to complete Form A and Form B: Sponsorship.

16. How should I name Scholastic supporting files?

Use: [ApplicantName]_[ActivityCategory#]_[Activity-or-ClubName]_[DocumentType]. Example: JordanLee_Activity1_HonorSociety_VerificationLetter.pdf.

17. How should I name an uploaded essay file?

Use: [ApplicantName]_Essay_[ShortEssayTitle].pdf.

18. Can I edit my application after I submit it?

No. Only one final application may be submitted per applicant, and responses cannot be edited after final submission. Review everything carefully before submitting.

19. When is the application due?

The online application must be submitted no later than October 1, 2026.

20. Where do I submit the application?

The Application Overview identifies the online application as the AAHC Scholarship Google Form.

Award Ceremony

21. When and where is the 2026 award ceremony?

Friday, November 6, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Elite Preparatory Academy, 1636 W Oak Ridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809.

22. What if an applicant cannot attend the ceremony?

A parent or guardian must attend the award ceremony if the applicant cannot attend.

Before You Submit

- Confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements for the category you are entering.
- Secure sponsorship from the appropriate AAHC Council member organization and obtain the required Form B signature.
- For Category I, gather your official transcript/school records and official documentation for every claimed activity, award, and leadership role.
- Check that Category I activities fall within August 3, 2025–August 8, 2026.
- For Category III, keep the essay between 250 and 500 words and respond to an approved 2026 prompt.
- Use the required file-naming formats.
- Review the entire application before submitting because it cannot be edited afterward.
- Submit by October 1, 2026.

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