

Minkwon Center Dreamers Scholarship Fund

The MinKwon Center for Community Action was established in 1984 to meet the needs and concerns of the Korean American community and has expanded its services to the Asian American community. Since our founding, we have made a profound presence in the Korean American community through various grassroots organizing, education, and advocacy initiatives that address important community issues, including immigration policies at the national, state and city levels. Since the early 2000's, the MinKwon Center has been organizing and assisting Asian American "Dreamers," undocumented youth and young adults who came to the United States as children. Through its advocacy efforts, the organization, along with hundreds of other immigrant rights groups across the nation, helped bring about the passage of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in 2012. However, as of September 5th, 2017, the Trump administration rescinded the program. Dreamers continue to face significant challenges as they attempt to further their education and start their careers. They are ineligible for federal financial aid and must often balance work and school to support their families.

In our continuing efforts to support, empower, and engage Asian American youth as the next generation of civic leaders, the MinKwon Center and its undocumented young adult organizing group, the Asian American Dreamers Collective (AADC), created the Dreamers' Scholarship Fund.

The Dreamers Scholarship Fund will award five (5) Dreamers a \$1,100 scholarship each. Funds are not exclusively required to be used for schooling costs, but may also be used for other necessary expenses such as immigration-related fees. You do not have to be a DACA recipient in order to apply. Eligible applicants will be:

- Undocumented Asian American immigrants residing in the greater New York City area
- At least 16 years old
- Committed to social justice and/or community service
- High school (including GED and High School Equivalent) or college undergraduate student currently or planning to attend school during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic year.

Interested applicants should complete the below application, essay questions, and required documents and email it to scholarship@minkwon.org by **January 8, 2018**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.



MINKWON CENTER

For Community Action

Minkwon Center Dreamers' Scholarship Fund 2017-2018 Application Form

All applications and supporting materials should be mailed to scholarship@minkwon.org by January 8, 2018. Questions regarding the application can also be sent to this address as well.

Section I: Applicant Information

Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle initial)

Mailing Address:

(Street number and name)

(City, State, Zip)

E-Mail Address:

How did you hear about the Minkwon Dreamers' Scholarship?

For the following, please indicate yes or no:

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident?

Y / N

Are you eligible for other financial aid such as FAFSA/TAP?

Y / N

Are you eligible for or currently a DACA recipient?

Y / N

Household Income:

Under \$8,000

\$8,001-\$15,000

\$15,000-\$25,000.

\$25,001-\$35,000

\$35,001-\$45,000

\$45,001 and over

Section II: School Information

School Name:

Year in School:

School Address:

Major (if applicable):

Minor (if applicable):

Section III: Personal Essays

Please write a 500-700 word essay on each of the following topics.

- How has your identity as an Asian Pacific Islander American shaped your perspective on life or society?
- What issue(s) are you passionate about addressing within the Asian Pacific Islander American immigrant community and what steps, if any, have you taken to address these issues? How could you do to address them?

Essay questions should be typed and attached as a PDF or DOC file.



Section IV: Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation that can speak to your character, work ethic, academic excellence, and/or commitment to social justice. Recommendations should come from non-relatives such as a teacher, faculty member, employer, etc. **Title of email should be, “[Applicant’s name – First name, Last name] Letter of recommendation.” Applications without recommendation letters will be marked incomplete and will not be accepted.**

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Relationship to applicant:

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Relationship to applicant:

Section V: Supplemental Documents

- Please attach a copy of your latest high school or college transcript OR a copy of your current class schedule. (Please note that transcripts/schedules are used to verify enrollment)
- (OPTIONAL) If there are additional life circumstances or challenges that have not been mentioned in your application, please describe in a short paragraph (no more than 250 words).

Section VI: Affirmation and Signature

By signing below, I certify that the information I have submitted for this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance.

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

MinKwon Center Dreamers’ Scholarship Fund Checklist

Before submitting your application. have you....

- Answered all questions on the application form?
- Signed and dated the application form?
- Attached your responses to **both** essay questions?
- Attached contact information for the **two** individuals writing a letter of recommendation?
- Attached a copy of your transcript OR current class schedule?