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**Asian American Women's Scholarship Fund**  
**Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The Asian Sisters Participating in Reaching Excellence, Inc. (ASPIRE) is a non-profit organization serving Asian American girls and women in the Greater Boston area. ASPIRE is Greater Boston's only Asian American women-specific program providing leadership and professional development opportunities to women from high school students to seasoned professionals. ASPIRE's major programs include our annual Asian American Women in Leadership (AAWIL) Conference, the Youth Leadership Program (YLP), and the Speakers Series. ASPIRE seeks to connect Asian American women across generations and experiences.

ASPIRE takes pride in our identity as Asian American women. However, being an Asian American young woman can be challenging. We often face sexism, racism, pressure to do well in school, parental expectations, and pressures to fit in. As you go through this application process, think about your own experiences as an Asian American young woman. We want to know why you are proud to be you.

With financial support from the Gund Kwok Asian Women Lion & Dragon Dance Troupe, ASPIRE launched the Asian American Women's Scholarship Fund in 2011. The goal of the scholarship is to support an outstanding and community-oriented Asian American young woman in her pursuit of higher education.

This scholarship will be awarded to an Asian American young woman entering their first year in a two or four year accredited post-secondary institution in the amount of \$1,000. This awardee should demonstrate strong leadership skills and the ability to make a meaningful impact in the Asian American community.

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicant is expected to graduate or have graduated with a high school diploma or received their GED by June, 2012.
2. Applicant is 25-years-old or under 25-years-old.
3. Applicant must be entering their **first year** in a two or four year accredited post-secondary institution by September, 2012.
4. Applicant is a woman of Asian/Asian American heritage.
5. Applicant must demonstrate strong leadership capabilities and potential.
6. Reside in the Greater Boston area of Massachusetts.
7. Priority will be given to students from underserved backgrounds and will be based on financial need.



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**Asian American Women's Scholarship Fund Application  
2011-2012 Academic Year**

**Applicant Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
\_\_\_\_\_ City Zip

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
City State Country

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary School Education:**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information** (Please feel free to use additional paper as necessary):

1. Provide the names of post-secondary institutions (college, universities, trade schools, etc.) to which you are applying and areas of academic interest.
2. List the extracurricular activities and leadership positions you've held.
3. Describe your work experience during the past two years, including the name of your employer(s).
4. List any academic and community awards and honors.



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**Essay Questions:** (Please answer each question in no more than 500 words, use additional paper as necessary.)

1. How does your identity as an Asian American woman impact you in everyday life?
2. In your opinion, who do you look up to and why?
3. Do you feel that it is important for Asian American women to become leaders and role models? Why or why not?
4. What are your strongest qualities and why? How did you gain these qualities?
5. How will this scholarship help you achieve your future goals?

**Applicant Check List (please email or mail ALL of the following by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012):**

- A completed scholarship application form emailed to: [scholarship@girlsaspire.org](mailto:scholarship@girlsaspire.org) or mailed to: 198 Tremont Street, Suite 187, Boston, MA 02116
- A copy of my official high school transcript.
- A copy of my FAFSA ([Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for verification of financial aid or if I’m not eligible for FAFSA, the most recent tax return of my parent(s) or guardian(s)] If neither one of these documentations are available, please contact us at [scholarship@girlsaspire.org](mailto:scholarship@girlsaspire.org) for additional options.
- My signature and the signature of my parent/guardian if I am under the age of 18 (if you are submitted via email, you can type your signature)
- Two letters of recommendation. For example, from a teacher, guidance counselor, mentor, employer/supervisor, a community organization I have worked with etc. Letters of recommendation should be attached to my application. They can also be emailed by my recommender to: [scholarship@girlsaspire.org](mailto:scholarship@girlsaspire.org) or mailed to: 198 Tremont Street, Suite 187, Boston, MA 02116

**I have completed all portions of my application. I understand that any personal information I have provided will be kept confidential and will not be distributed to anyone outside of the scholarship review committee. By signing, I acknowledge that all of the information I have provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.**

**Applicant Name**

**Date**

**Signature**

**Parent/Guardian Name**

**Date**

**Signature**