

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council's Summer Study Tour Instructions and Application

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND COST:

- Students currently in grades 9 – 12 who attend high school in Hawaii
- Program cost: \$4,300 (subject to change based on currency exchange rate and international airfare)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- Public and charter high school students in Hawaii are eligible for 15 FULL program scholarships.
- All applicants will be considered for financial aid, unless otherwise indicated.

REQUIRED MATERIALS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Completed Application: Submit 3 complete copies of the application form.

2. Short Essays: Applicant must complete BOTH essays, each on a separate sheet. Submit 3 copies of your essay. (Up to one page each, single spaced.)

- I. Why are you interested in traveling to Japan with this program? What do you hope to gain from this experience? How will your participation contribute to the program?
- II. Describes your involvement in PAAC activities (for PAAC students) and/or other internationally focused activities, such as travel, Model UN, school clubs, and extracurricular activities. How have these experiences inspired you, shaped your global perspective, or affected your view of the world?

The essays are a very important part of the application; they give the selection committee a chance to get to know you. **Tips for writing good essays:**

- Ask teachers, parents, and/or friends to give you feedback on your essays. Rewrite them until you are satisfied that you have done your best.
- Avoid general statements like “I want to go to Japan to learn about the culture,” without elaborating on them. Be specific, and give examples whenever possible.
- What makes you stand out? Why should we select you? Let us know what makes you great.
- Proofread! Do not turn in essays with grammatical or spelling errors.

3. School Transcript and First Quarter Grades: Unofficial transcript copies are acceptable, and can be obtained from your school. Submit 3 copies of your transcript. Remove your transcript from the envelope, if it comes in one.

Collate the application form, essays 1 and 2, school transcript (starting in 9th grade), and first quarter grades, and paperclip them together. Submit 3 sets of this complete packet.

4. Recommendations:

- I. Teacher recommendation form and letter: (One only)

Give the attached recommendation form to your PAAC Club advisor, PAAC class teacher, or a school teacher who can attest to your involvement in PAAC activities. Ask your teacher to return his or her recommendation form and letter directly to PAAC. Provide that person with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Selection Committee
PAAC Travel Program
1601 East-West Road, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96848-1601

Your teacher's recommendation form and letter must be postmarked by February 10, 2012, and is required in order for your application to be considered. Please allow your teacher plenty of time to complete the form and write the letter. More than one week is recommended.

II. Phone Recommendation:

This person does NOT submit a letter on your behalf, but must be willing to talk to someone from the selection committee about you and your application to this program. You may choose a teacher, counselor, or someone outside of the school who has worked closely with you (for example, an employer or coach). Please provide the name, relationship to you, and phone number for this person where indicated on the "Application Information at a Glance" form. **We may or may not contact this person.**

Please note: Family members may not serve as references.

5. **One self-addressed stamped envelope:**

This envelope will be used to send you a confirmation that we received your application. If you choose not to include one, you will not receive confirmation of receipt of your application.

If you have any questions, contact:

Natasha Schultz
PAAC High School Program Director
Tel. 808-944-7759
Email: hs@paachawaii.org

****CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS AND FOLLOWED THE STATED INSTRUCTIONS.****

APPLICATION PROCESS:

-Submit completed application and supporting documents by the postmark deadline: February 10, 2012.

-Applications will be reviewed.

-Finalists will be contacted for an in-person interview. Applicants who live on the neighbor islands will be interviewed over the phone or via video conference.

-All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision following the interviews.

Good Luck!

*Do not mail the instruction pages with your application



APPLICATION

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council Summer Study Tour Scholarship

Must be postmarked by February 10, 2012

If you are selected, you will be required to attend a one week orientation (June 4 - 8) on Oahu and to participate in various follow-up activities upon our return.

Oahu Residents: Would you and your family be able to host a neighbor island student during orientation week?
Yes _____ No _____

Neighbor island residents: Do you have a place to stay on Oahu during orientation week?
Yes _____ No* _____

*Neighbor island participants will be responsible for their own breakfast and dinner during orientation week, and asked to contribute to their housing expenses on Oahu.

Applicant Information:

(Please type or print clearly)

Name (as it appears or will appear on your passport): _____
First Name (s)

_____ Middle Name(s) Last Name(s)

Preferred name (if different from first name): _____ Male Female

Home mailing address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Citizenship: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Student's cell phone number: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Email address: _____

Current school: _____ Current grade: _____

Principal's name: _____ Counselor's name: _____

Do you have a valid U.S. Passport? Yes _____ No _____ If you answered yes, please indicate your passport's place of issue _____ date of issue _____ and expiration date _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, do you have a valid passport and permanent resident card? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you a member of a PAAC Club or After-School Class? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, indicate whether you are in a club or class, and provide the name of your PAAC advisor or teacher.

PAAC involvement (check all that apply):

- Club After-school class: which semester(s)? _____
 Fall Conference '08 Fall Conference '09 Fall Conference '10 Fall Conference '11
 WorldQuest '08 WorldQuest '09 WorldQuest '10 WorldQuest '11
 GVS '09 GVS '10 Model APEC (GVS '11 or Big Island '11)
 Previous PAAC scholarship recipient (please specify: _____)

Academic Information:

Provide three copies of your most recent school transcript and first quarter grades with your application.

List the languages (other than English) that you speak, and indicate your years of study and level of proficiency:

Extracurricular activities: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please list the extracurricular activities that you participate in **at least once a week:** _____

Other information: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Have you ever been involved in disciplinary action at school or elsewhere? If so, please describe briefly.

List your experiences traveling, living, or studying outside of Hawaii. Include location, purpose, dates, and duration. _____

List any hobbies, skills, or areas of special knowledge or expertise (e.g. hula, singing, clarinet, paddling).

The following section should be completed by Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Phone number: _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell)

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Phone number: _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell)

With whom does the applicant live? _____
(Please indicate whether with both parents, mother, father, relative, guardian, etc.)

Health Information:

Does your child have any health or medical condition or restrictions that we should know about? (Please specify)

Does your child have any allergies or dietary restrictions, or currently take any medication? (Please specify)

Financial Need Information: REQUIRED to be considered for scholarship and financial aid

Please indicate your household adjusted gross income for 2010 or 2011*: _____

**Indicate the most recent figure; the application will not be considered for financial aid if left blank.*

How many dependents are there in your household? _____

Is your child enrolled in a free or reduced lunch program at school? Yes No

Please describe any special circumstances that indicate need for financial assistance for this program:

FULL Scholarships are available for 15 of the 22 students selected for this program. If you are not selected for a full scholarship, you will automatically be considered for one of the seven paid spots on the trip and other financial aid opportunities. If you do NOT want to be considered, indicate below:

By checking this box, I understand that I will NOT be considered for one of the 7 paid spots on the trip and additional financial aid opportunities.

To the parent(s) or guardian(s):

Studying and traveling in foreign countries offers young people a unique opportunity to learn and develop personally. The students will also represent The United States of America, Hawaii, and their schools. Criteria for selection will heavily weigh a student's maturity and ability to adjust.

IMPORTANT- Please read and sign the following statement:

I/we grant the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) permission to check with my child's school counselor and principal to determine if my child has demonstrated good citizenship, responsibility, and emotional stability.

Applicant Information at a Glance

Please complete the top portion of this form for our records. (ONE copy required)

NAME: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

PAAC involvement (check all that apply):

_____ Club _____ After-school class _____ Fall Conference _____ Academic WorldQuest

_____ GVS _____ Previous Scholarship recipient (please specify: _____)

Other, or position held in PAAC Club: _____

Name of the teacher completing your recommendation form and letter: _____

Name of your phone reference: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____ Best time to call: _____

Alternate phone number: _____ Best time to call: _____

(cut on dotted line below)

Application Checklist (keep this portion for your records)

Before you submit your application, check to see that you have included the following:

3 copies of completed and signed application _____

3 copies of your most recent school transcript _____

3 copies of Essay I _____

3 copies of Essay II _____

1 copy of "Applicant Information at a Glance" _____

1 self addressed stamped envelope _____

Send completed application to: Selection Committee
PAAC Travel Program
1601 East-West Road, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96848-1601

***All applications must be postmarked
on or before February 10, 2012. Late
applications will not be considered.***

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC) Travel Program Summer Study Tour Scholarship
Form and letter must be postmarked by February 10, 2012

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Name of applicant: _____
First Middle initial Last

School : _____ Grade: _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

Please attach your letter of recommendation to this document.

Your input is a valuable part of the selection process. The experience on which your opinion is based should be described.

Name of person completing this recommendation: _____

Position or title: _____

How long have you known this student? _____ In what capacity? _____

How would you evaluate this student in the following areas? Please comment on these areas in your letter.

	Exceptional	Very good	Above average	Average	Below average
Academic Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility and reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In addition, please comment on the following in your letter:

- How has this student demonstrated a commitment to international affairs (through PAAC or other activities)?
- Does this student work well independently and take responsibility for him/herself?
- Does this student consistently meet deadlines without reminders?
- How has this student demonstrated the maturity and independence necessary to take part in a study abroad program?

May we contact you if we have further questions regarding this applicant? ___ Yes ___ No

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature Date

Please mail this form directly to:
Selection Committee, PAAC Travel Program, 1601 East-West Road, 4th Floor, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96848-1601
Please call Natasha Schultz at (808) 944-7759 with any questions. Thank you!