



Wells Fargo **Student Impact Scholarship**

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About the Scholarship

1 What is the Wells Fargo Student Impact Scholarship?

It is \$1 million dollars of scholarships from Wells Fargo to support students facing financial difficulties funding their college education due to the pandemic and who have also been taking action to uplift and empower their community.

The scholarship amount is a one-time \$5,000 award for students enrolled or planning to be enrolled in college in Spring 2021, to be disbursed to scholarship recipients' colleges in December 2020.

The scholarship administration and selection are being executed by APIA Scholars on behalf of Wells Fargo.

2 What is APIA Scholars?

APIA Scholars is a national education non-profit dedicated to supporting Asian Pacific Islander American students with college access and workforce development. We administer the largest scholarship for Asian Pacific Islander American students in the country. As an organization invested in empowering marginalized students through higher education access, we are acting as the administrators, on behalf of Wells Fargo, for this scholarship.

Eligibility

3 What are the eligibility criteria to apply?

Applicants must:

- Be intending to enroll or continue enrollment as a degree-seeking undergraduate student, with at least half-time enrollment status, at an accredited U.S. college or university in Spring 2021
- Have been financially impacted by COVID-19 and have demonstrated financial need
- Have taken action towards uplifting and empowering their community in 2020
- Be a U.S. citizen, national, legal permanent resident or a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipient. This is inclusive of the District of Columbia and all U.S. territories. Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are also eligible to apply
- Have applied for the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if eligible
- Complete the online application by the deadline

Please review the [Terms & Conditions](#) for eligibility criteria.

4 Can students taking primarily (or entirely) online classes apply?

Yes, as long as all other eligibility criteria are met.

5 Can international students apply?

No. You must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, U.S. legal permanent resident or DACA recipient; this includes the District of Columbia and all U.S. territories. Additionally, citizens of the Freely Associated States can apply.

6 Can undocumented students apply?

DACA recipients who are intending to be enrolled in college in Spring 2021 are eligible to apply. However, individuals who are not DACA recipients or other documented students are not eligible.

7 Can community college students apply?

Yes. We welcome applicants who are intending to enroll (or are currently enrolled) at both 2- and 4-year institutions.

8 Can graduate students apply?

No. This scholarship is only available to students pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited U.S. two- or four-year college or university.

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Can I apply if I am pursuing my second undergraduate degree?

No. This scholarship is only for students pursuing their first undergraduate degree. If you have already completed your associate degree and are continuing with your bachelor's degree, this is allowed.

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Is there a GPA requirement to apply?

No. There is no GPA requirement to apply, and grades are not factored into the selection process. You just need to be intending to enroll at an accredited U.S. college or university in Spring 2021.

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Can I apply if I am not receiving any financial aid?

Receiving financial aid is not an eligibility requirement to apply. However, you must have applied for the 2020-2021 FAFSA and have access to your Student Aid Report (SAR). Eligible DACA recipients applying do not need to upload a FAFSA SAR.

Timeline

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When is the application open?

The application is open from 9:00 AM EST/6:00 AM PST on September 14, 2020 to 9:00 PM EST/6:00 PM PST on October 2, 2020.

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When are scholarship recipients notified?

Scholarship recipients will be notified beginning October 26, 2020.

Funds

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When can the scholarship funds be used?

The scholarship funds will be disbursed in December 2020 to the school you are attending in Spring 2021.

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How can the scholarship funds be used?

The funds from the Student Impact Scholarship can be used towards the educational costs of attendance at your college. This includes tuition, required fees, books, room and board and other educational expenses. Scholarship funds will only be issued directly to an institution, not to a scholarship recipient. Please see the [Terms & Conditions](#), Section 9 for further details on how scholarship funds may be used.

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How do I apply?

Complete the online application, which includes telling us about yourself, your financial situation, and what action you have been taking to support your community in 2020 via a 2-3-minute video or up to 700-word essay.

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Can I submit an application by mail?

No. All applications, and any documents, must be submitted online.

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How will I know if my application has been submitted?

You will receive a submission email confirming your application has been submitted and received. Additionally, the status of your application will show as Submitted on your student portal.

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What documents do I need to submit for the scholarship application?

Applicants will be asked to submit:

- An unofficial copy of your most recent transcript. If you are already a college student with at least one graded term (semester/quarter), you will submit your most recent college transcript. If you are entering college for the first time in Spring 2021, you will be asked to submit your high school or GED transcript.
- Your 2020-2021 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), if you are eligible to apply for FAFSA. This is a summary of your FAFSA and is a 5 to 7-page document many can access online. You must submit the entire document, and we will only accept it in PDF format. DACA recipients are not required to submit an SAR.
- DACA recipients are required to upload a valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD). This must be valid through December 15, 2020.

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Is an official transcript required?

No. We allow for official or unofficial transcripts. We require that any version of the transcript you submit must be: your most recent transcript (with grades included), include your name, your school's name, and your student ID number. All transcripts must be uploaded online into the application – we do not accept any transcripts submitted by mail or by email.

Transcripts are used to show student educational status. GPA and grades are not a factor in the selection process.

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I am a DACA recipient but do not have a valid Employment Authorization Documentation (EAD). What should I do?

Please reach out to us via email at WFimpact@mykaleidoscope.com and we will assist you.

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I am not sure what college/university I will be attending in Spring 2021 – can I still apply?

Yes, as long as you intend to enroll (or continue your current enrollment) at a college or university in Spring 2021. Scholarship recipients will be given the opportunity to provide further details on their Spring 2021 plans after award notification.

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Can I make changes to my application after I have submitted it?

Your application will automatically save up through the last step, and you can edit it as much as you need to before the deadline. However, once you click “Submit”, that is the final submission of your application and no further changes can be made.

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My financial situation has fluctuated a lot since the start of the pandemic – will there be a way to convey this in the application?

Absolutely. The application will have two sections dedicated to your financial situation: prior to the pandemic, and where things currently are for you. We understand everyone's financial situation may have changed quite a bit since the start of 2020 and we ask you to do the best you can to answer the questions. Applicants will be given further guidance in these sections. We suggest to prepare you think about how you (and your family's) income has changed, how your living situation might have changed, and how financing your education might have changed as a result of the financial impact of the pandemic.

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What types of actions are you looking for when it comes to impacting my community?

We understand that how you may be supporting or empowering your community can look like many different things. Even what you might define as your community can have any number of definitions and is not just tied to the place where you live. We are looking for students who have done something in 2020 to benefit their community, as they define it. Maybe this action is related to providing pandemic relief, maybe it is about taking a stand against racial injustice, maybe it is encouraging people to take part in civic life, maybe it is something completely different. We want to hear your stories of how you are trying to do good in the world, starting with the people you care about most. Actions can be big or small, have impacted many people or just a small few, been a part of a group effort or something you did all by yourself, but the key thing we are looking for is you took positive action this year.

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Does it make a difference if I choose to submit a video or an essay to talk about how I have been impacting my community?

Not at all. Either type of narrative submission is viewed equally, and we recommend you pick the format you feel you will be able to express yourself most fully with.

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What types of video formats can I submit?

Your video can be a minimum of 2 minutes in length and maximum of 3 minutes. The video can be formatted as an mp4, m4a, m4v, f4v, f4a, mkv, m4b, m4r, f4b, mov, 3gp, 3gp2, 3g2, 3gpp, 3gpp2,ogg, oga, ogv, ogx, wmv, wma, webm, or avi. It must not exceed 100 MB to successfully upload to the application.

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What is not allowed in my video?

You cannot include any obscenity, crude or vulgar language, violence or anything of an illegal nature. You may not include other people in your video without their permission. You may not include other logos, brands or products owned by others in your video, nor may you include any music or creative property that is copyrighted or owned by a third party without permission. See Section 5 in the [Terms & Conditions](#) for additional guidelines for video submissions.

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I am under 18 years old and a parent/guardian needs to agree to the Terms & Conditions on my behalf. What is the process?

At the end of the application you will be asked to input your parent/guardian's contact information (name and email). An automated message will be sent to them, asking them to access the Terms & Conditions and agree to them on your behalf through a short form. It is your responsibility to ensure that your parent/guardian completes the form. Parents/guardians who are required to agree to the Terms & Conditions have until October 5, 2020 at 9PM EST to complete the form.

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If I post about the application or post my video submission on social media, using #ImpactMakers or not, will that have any impact on how my application is reviewed?

No. We encourage you to share how you are impacting your community using #ImpactMakers, but it is not required and in no way impacts the selection process of the scholarship. Please see the [Terms & Conditions](#), Section 4, for further details.

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I'm having technical difficulties with the application; who do I contact for help?

Please email our application platform, WFimpact@mykaleidoscope.com, making sure you mention you are applying to the Wells Fargo Student Impact Scholarship and are experiencing technical issues.

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I have additional questions about the scholarship or application. Who do I contact?

Please email WFimpact@mykaleidoscope.com with any questions not answered here in the FAQs or in [Terms & Conditions](#).