



THE COALITION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



DO SOMETHING!

BECOME A YOUTH LEADER, JOIN ASAP

HAVE A VOICE ♦ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BE PART OF A GROUP WORKING TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE IN EDUCATION

The Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) is the nation's only pan-Asian children's rights organization. Since 1986, CACF has been dedicated to making sure that all Asian Pacific American children and families in New York City have the proper access and opportunities to grow up happy and safe. We work to secure better policies, funding and services for the East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander communities. For the past 13 years, CACF has organized diverse Asian Pacific American youth from all 5 boroughs. We believe that Asian Pacific American youth have a meaningful role to be active agents in promoting equity and creating change. Through the experience of our youth leadership program, youth will develop a campaign and the skills necessary to raise awareness of issues in their community and get their voices heard.

What is ASAP? The Asian American Student Advocacy Project (**ASAP**) is a youth leadership program for Asian Pacific American (APA) public high school students who want to learn how to make positive change in education through advocacy. **Advocacy** is what we do to express our ideas about what can be improved. By identifying problems and coming up with helpful solutions, we can advocate for improvements in our schools. Youth Leaders want to create positive change for the APA community, and improve schools and the education system. Youth Leaders work together on a campaign and develop recommendations to address issues and problems that affect APA students.

What does ASAP do? ASAP Youth Leaders represent the voice of APA students and their needs. Some of the campaigns they have worked on include: **Campaign Bridge**, to make sure that all APA students have the guidance and support they need to be able to graduate high school, and be prepared for college and their future; **Fred T. Korematsu Day**, to acknowledge the legacy of Japanese American civil rights activist Fred T. Korematsu every January 30th in NYC; and **Ethnic Studies**, to push for a more inclusive and diversified curriculum in public schools. ASAP Youth Leaders will develop their leadership skills as they learn the components necessary to lead a youth-led campaign. They will utilize these skills as they meet with community partners, decision-makers, and media representatives throughout their work to create positive change for the needs of the APA community.

What do ASAP meetings look like? ASAP meets **in the summer** (Summer Institute, two weeks in August) and **weekly during the school year** (Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30PM). Weekly meetings take place in downtown Manhattan. ASAP sessions include: *Group discussions, guest speakers, campaign development, skills-building, community outreach, and meetings with public officials and community leaders.*

What to Expect in ASAP 2018-2019? We need new ASAP Youth Leaders who will help us examine and develop campaigns to reform the current education system for better guidance and more inclusive curriculum that will improve college- and career-readiness for all high school students in public schools.

What are the benefits of joining ASAP? Develop your leadership skills • Learn about advocacy • Work as a member of a team • Meet youth from different schools • Stay connected as a member of CACF • Increase knowledge on NYC's education system • Increase knowledge on the Asian Pacific American community/identity • Networking opportunities • Earn a certificate of recognition and letter of recommendation • Stipend upon completion of the year • Earn up to 100 hours of community service

Can I apply? ASAP seeks NYC public high school students who are interested in APA issues, want to build their leadership and advocacy skills, and want to create positive change in the school system and APA community.

To be eligible, you must be:

- Enrolled in a New York City public high school in Fall 2018.
**Freshman & sophomores are highly encouraged to apply! Juniors & seniors are welcome, too!*
- Able to attend the Summer Institute, a summer orientation over several days, during the summer of 2018 (last 2 weeks of August).
- Able to attend ASAP sessions every week from September 2018 to June 2019 on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30PM in downtown Manhattan. Must also commit to 3 hours of ASAP-related work each week outside of our weekly meetings.



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HOW DO I APPLY TO ASAP?

- **Complete the ASAP 2018-2019 application by filling out the Student Application Form.**
- **You MUST attend an interview** with ASAP Youth Leaders and CACF staff who work with ASAP. Why? We want to meet you! This is an opportunity for you to ask questions to Youth Leaders in ASAP, and for ASAP to learn a little more about you and why you are interested in joining. **Interviews will last 15-20 minutes, and will be held at the CACF office in downtown Manhattan.**
- **Application Deadline!** Applications MUST BE RECEIVED by **Monday, June 25, 2018, at 5PM.**

Applications may be submitted by:

1. Submit an online application through <https://goo.gl/forms/RKqRRruqkTDVtgTy1> OR
2. Email a Word Document or PDF to mwu@cacf.org (complete with the student and guardian signatures) OR
3. Mail a hard copy to Mitch Wu:

Mitch Wu
 Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
 50 Broad ST, Suite 1837
 New York, NY 10004

For an email version of the application, or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mitch Wu at mwu@cacf.org or 212-809-4675 x107.

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I Applied, What Happens Now?

1. When your application is received, we will send you an e-mail confirmation. **** Please make sure to follow-up with us to make sure we have your application if you do not receive a confirmation e-mail.**
2. Every interested candidate must attend an interview date between July 9 and July 20.
3. CACF Staff and ASAP Youth Leaders will sit down to make a final decision.
4. If you are invited to join ASAP, you must attend the Summer Institute in mid-August.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 25 Application Deadline.
- July 9 - July 20 INTERVIEW. All applicants must attend an Interview
- July 25 – July 27 Applicants will be informed by email if they have been accepted or not.

If accepted into ASAP, all members must attend the ASAP Summer Institute in Manhattan. Please save 2 weeks in mid-August and make sure you will be able to attend!



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2018-2019 Student Application Form

- ASAP is open to students enrolled in NYC public high schools interested in Asian Pacific American issues.
- Applicants must attend an interview with ASAP Youth Leaders and CACF staff at the CACF office in downtown Manhattan between July 9 and July 20.
- Applicants must be able to attend the Summer Institute in mid-August 2018.
- Applicants must commit to attending weekly meetings during the school year, plus additional obligations outside of weekly meetings when needed.

Application Deadline: Monday, June 25, 2018 at 5PM

Name (First, Last): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address (one that you check regularly): _____

School (attending in Fall 2018): _____

Grade Level Next Year (in Fall 2018): _____

Parent or Guardian's Name (First, Last): _____

Parent or Guardian's Contact Number: _____

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Birth date: _____ Gender (and preferred gender pronouns): _____

Birthplace: _____ What Year Did you Come to the U.S. (if applicable): _____

Languages other than English that you speak and/or write: _____

What language(s) do you speak at home?: _____

Are you an English Language Learner (ELL) student? Yes
 No, I was never an ELL student
 I used to be – What year did you stop? _____

Do you receive free or reduced lunch at school? Yes No

Race/ethnicity (check all that apply):

- Bangladeshi Cambodian Chinese Hmong Filipinx Indian
 Japanese Korean Laotian Malaysian Pacific Islander
 Pakistani Sri Lankan Taiwanese Tibetan Vietnamese African American
 Latinx White Nepali Indo-Caribbean (please specify): _____
 Other (please specify): _____



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Please answer the following questions. You may answer on a separate sheet if you prefer.

1. How did you hear about ASAP?
2. What is your family history? Why do you want to join ASAP?
3. Please describe any extra-curricular/out of school/ work/ volunteer activities you are interested in joining during the NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. Please include days and times if you know.
4. Is there anything else you think we should know?

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

When you receive your application confirmation, we will contact you by email with your interview time.

Please list three preferred times for your interview below (times should be on weekdays between July 9 and July 20 from 10AM-4PM).

| TIME 1 | TIME 2 | TIME 3 |
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Student & Parent Agreement & Consent

I, _____ (parent/guardian's name), grant permission for

_____ (student's name) to apply for CACF's Asian American Student Advocacy Project (ASAP). If selected, we commit to full participation of the program's summer institute, weekly sessions during the school year (4:30-6:30pm), 3 hours of ASAP-related homework every week, meetings outside of ASAP sessions, and a presentation of the group's final project. We understand that ASAP will take place in downtown Manhattan, at CACF's office and/or other locations in NYC to be determined. In order to participate in ASAP, my child must be able to travel to and from the program after school. We understand that my child must stay in fair school standing and any decline in academic performance or not meeting program expectations may result in dismissal from ASAP.

Signature of Student:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date: