



APISWC

Asian/Pacific Islander Social Work Council
Northern California - NASW-CA

2021 Diana Ming Chan Bilingual Social Work Scholarship

The Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Council (APISWC) of the California Chapter of NASW is proud to announce the applications for the **2021 Diana Ming Chan Bilingual Social Work Scholarship**. Diana who lived from 1929 to 2008 was a well-respected social worker in the San Francisco Bay Area. She was one of the first Cantonese bilingual social workers in San Francisco Chinatown and advocated for the need of bilingual social workers. Diana was also known for her *dumpling diplomacy* where she invited top politicians to her home to discuss the importance of school social workers. Eventually, Diana was able to effectively lobby the San Francisco Board of Education to open up school positions for social workers.

Up to three scholarships in the amount of \$500 - \$1,000 each will be awarded at the NASW-CA Annual Conference in October 2021. BSW and MSW students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Individuals applying for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an undergraduate or graduate social work student enrolling in his/her final year beginning in Fall 2021.
- Be bilingual in an Asian language, including any East Asian language, Southeast Asian language, or Pacific Island language.
- Be enrolled at any of the following universities: San Jose State, CSU East Bay, San Francisco State, or UC Berkeley.
- Applicants do not have to be a current member of the APISWC, but scholarship winners will be required to become actively involved with APISWC as follows: Beginning 2 months after graduation, recipients will be asked to attend 70% of Steering Committee meetings and 50% of events hosted by APISWC for a 12-month period.

The application packet must include the following:

1. Cover letter including applicant's name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
2. One letter of recommendation.
3. Copy of most recent official school transcript.
4. Limit of 500 words responding to: "How would you advance social work in the Asian and Pacific Islander Community?" and,
5. Limit of 500 words responding to: "How do you plan to or have you used your bilingual skills to help others, especially addressing challenges during difficult times, such as the COVID-19 pandemic?"

All application packets must be electronically submitted by 5:00 PM, Monday, June 14, 2021 to apicouncilnorth@gmail.com

Winners will be notified by August 2, 2021.

Any questions can be emailed to apicouncilnorth@gmail.com

More information about the Diana Ming Chan (DMC) Bilingual Social Work Scholarship and APISWC can be found on our website at: <http://www.apiswc.org/>