



# ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (AANAPISI)

The U.S. Congress established the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) designation in 2007. To be designated an AANAPISI and receive federal grants, an accredited institution must have at least 10 percent of its full-time undergraduate enrollment identify as Asian American and/or Pacific Islanders. Students of all races and ethnicities can attend an AANAPISI.



## LIST OF DESIGNATED AND ACCREDITED AANAPISI SCHOOLS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/aanapi/awards.html>

### Fact:

AANAPISIs award almost half of the associate's degrees and approximately one-quarter of the bachelor's degrees attained by Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) college students.

- Some students are eligible to receive scholarships if they identify as an Asian American or Pacific Islander.
- These scholarships can be available through an institution or through organizations focused on equity.
- APIA Scholars Organization, the Center for Minority Serving Institutions, the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education, and the National Institute for Transformation and Equity provide scholarships, advocate, and commit to sharing resources.

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*AANAPISIs are critical sites for responding to the changing demography of higher education, which is being driven, in part, by the Asian American Pacific Islander population, which continues to be the fastest growing population in the nation. These institutions are on the front line of and provide important lessons for expanding opportunities and reducing barriers to higher education for low-income Asian American Pacific Islander students.*

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The Asian American Pacific Islander community is the fastest growing population in the United States. The U.S. government provides grants that enable AANAPISIs to improve their academic quality, increase self-sufficiency, and strengthen their capacity to contribute to U.S. higher education.



## An AANAPSI and all minority-serving Institutions may use federal funding to:

- Purchase scientific or laboratory equipment.
- Renovate and improve classrooms, libraries, and other instructional facilities.
- Support faculty exchange and faculty development.
- Provide academic tutoring, counseling programs, and student support services.
- Provide academic instruction in disciplines in which Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders are underrepresented.
- Conduct research and data collection for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander populations and subpopulations.
- Establish an endowment fund.
- Establish partnerships with community-based organizations serving Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders.
- Enhance education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students or the students' families.
- Establish or improve a development office to strengthen or improve contributions from alumni and the private sector.
- Create or improve facilities for internet or other distance learning academic instruction capabilities, including purchase or rental of telecommunications technology equipment or services.

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