



ASIAN PACIFIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT
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2026 APYLP Leadership Conference for High School Students Conference Date: March 26 - 29, 2026 Location: Sacramento, CA

Application Deadline: December 29, 2025

Completed applications may be sent to: APYLP Selection & Outreach Committee @ PO Box 22986, Sacramento, CA 95822 . OR submitted via Google Form

BACKGROUND: The annual Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP) conference provides a select group of 60



Asians and Pacific Islander juniors and seniors from public, private and charter high schools throughout California with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the legislative

process, community leadership, and political activism. During the four-day, three-night conference, students will participate in a Mock Legislature that includes the election of peer legislative leaders, lively debate of current issues through the introduction of legislation, lobbying of bills during committee hearings and the Senate floor session. Additionally, small group workshops facilitated by Asian Pacific legislative staff, community activists, and business leaders will assist students in developing their leadership and public speaking skills, enhance their cultural awareness and identity, and explore the richness and diversity of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in California.

WHO SHOULD APPLY: Although any California junior and senior-year high school student may apply, APYLP strongly encourages applications from Asian and Pacific Islander youth



who have some leadership experience and especially from students who have leadership potential, but whose participation in programs such as APYLP may have been hindered in the past by economic, geographic, language, or other factors.

The conference program is designed specifically for Asian and Pacific Islander youth to learn more about themselves, issues of importance

to their communities and how to empower their leadership potential through the political process, public service and community service. Participants in past conferences have been representative of the rich cultural, multiracial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity of Asian and Pacific Islander communities from urban, suburban, and rural areas throughout California.

TRANSPORTATION, ROOM & BOARD: There is no cost to students accepted to the APYLP leadership conference. Through its fundraising efforts and generous support from individuals and businesses, APYLP will pay all costs for students selected to participate in the conference including travel, lodging, meals and necessary conference materials. The leadership conference program is a supervised activity with volunteer advisors assigned to each student for the duration of the program.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS: The simple four-page application is available online



and in printable formats. Online applications can be accessed at our website, www.apylyp.net, and must be submitted online. Printable applications can be downloaded at www.apylyp.net and once completed, must be re-

turned by U.S. mail only. **Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than December 29, 2025. Please do not mail applications to APYLP that require a signature upon delivery.**

All information and fields on the application must be completed. Applicants should write thoughtful and informative responses to each question. The Selection & Outreach Committee will carefully review all applications to selected the 50 students and a few alternates who will be invited to participate in the 2026 leadership conference.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE: Students will be notified of acceptance by email. If you have not received your email by January 30, 2026, please contact APYLP at applications@apylyp.net or (916) 856-8530.

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Instructions

- ⇒ Complete this form in the text boxes provided, and return all four pages of this application by mail.
- ⇒ Type or write in the space provided only.
- ⇒ Provide thoughtful written responses only in the space allowed, and answer all parts of the questions.
- ⇒ Additional materials are not allowed or considered.
- ⇒ This application must be postmarked no later than **December 15, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ⇒ Questions? Please visit our website, email us at applications@apylp.net, or call (916) 856-8530.
- ⇒ Mail printable applications to: APYLP Selection & Outreach Committee, PO Box 22986, Sacramento, CA 95822.
- ⇒ You can also apply online at www.apylp.net.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Ethnicit(ies)y / National Origin(s): _____

Country of Birth: _____ Generation (in U.S.): _____

Check One: Female _____ Male _____ Check One: Junior _____ Senior _____

High School Name: _____ Teacher/Counselor: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian #1

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Highest Education: _____

Parent/Guardian #2

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Highest Education: _____

How did you hear about APYLP? _____

Do you use social networking sites? If yes, which ones? _____

Have you attended any similar conferences? If yes, which ones? _____

Have you applied to this conference previously? _____

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I. Explain YOUR definition of a leader.

II. Briefly describe some of your leadership abilities, experiences and potential. Include school, community service, volunteer activities and other responsibilities. If you have paid work experience, include position(s) held, hours and length of work. Also include brief information about your neighborhood and community.

III. What, if any, challenges have you and/or your family has had to overcome? What impact, if any, does it have on you?

IV. Why do you want to attend APYLP? What do you hope to gain from your participation?

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Essay #1: What do you hope to be doing in five years? In ten years? How do you plan to reach these goals and what will motivate you along the way? (Please provide your answer in the space provided.)

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Answer only ONE of the following two questions below in the space provided.

Question A: Identify a current or historical person of Asian or Pacific Islander ancestry who you consider a leader at the local, state, and/or national level. Why do you think this person is a leader?

Question B: Identify an issue or problem that is important to your community, or in the State of California. Why is it important? What do you believe should be done to address it?