



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 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 12 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 public high school students who want to learn how to make positive changes 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 Asian Pacific American community and improve schools and the education system. Youth Leaders work together on a campaign and develop recommendations that address issues and problems that affect Asian Pacific American students.

What does ASAP do? ASAP Youth Leaders represent the voice of Asian Pacific American students and their needs. Currently, ASAP is working on two campaigns. These are **Campaign Bridge**, a campaign to make sure that all Asian Pacific American students have the guidance and support they need to be able to graduate high school, and be prepared for college and their future; and our **Ethnic Studies** campaign that aims for more inclusive diversified curriculum in public schools. ASAP participants will develop their leadership skills as they learn the components of leading a youth-led campaign. They will utilize these skills as they meet with community partners, decision makers and media representatives in their work to create positive change for the needs of community.

What do ASAP meetings look like? ASAP meets **in the summer (Summer Institute, end of August)** and meets **once a week during the school year (Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30)**. 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 2016-2017? This year ASAP is thinking big! WE NEED NEW ASAP youth leaders who will help us accomplish our goals to reform the current education system for guidance and inclusive curriculum to improve college/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 American community/identity • Networking opportunities • Earn a certificate of recognition • 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 of Asian descent or those interested in Asian Pacific American issues who are interested in building leadership and advocacy skills and creating positive change in the school system and in the community. **To be eligible, you must be:**

- Enrolled in a New York City public high school in Fall 2016.
***Freshman & sophomores are highly encouraged to apply! Juniors & seniors are welcome too!**
- Able to attend a Summer Institute training during the Summer of 2016 (last 2 weeks of August).
- TIME COMMITMENT: Able to attend ASAP sessions every week from September 2016 to June 2017 on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30pm in downtown Manhattan. Must also commit 3 hours of work each week outside of our weekly meetings.



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How do I apply to ASAP?

Complete the ASAP 2016-2017 application: Make sure to complete the Student Application Form

1. **YOU MUST Attend an Interview** with CACF staff who work with ASAP, and ASAP Youth Leaders. 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 in Manhattan.**
2. **Application Deadline!** Applications MUST BE RECEIVED by **Friday, June 17th, 2016 at 5pm.**

Please send your **completed** application to Mitchel Wu.

You can submit applications via E-Mail to asap@cafc.org OR MAIL hard copies to:

Mitchel Wu

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families

50 Broad St., 18th Floor

New York, NY 10004

For an email version of the application or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mitchel Wu at asap@cafc.org or 212-809-4675 x.107.

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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 June 23rd and July 15th.
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 during August 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 17th Application Deadline.
- June 23rd - July 15th INTERVIEW. All interested applicants must attend an Interview
- July 20th – July 22nd Applicants will be informed if they have been accepted or not.

If accepted into ASAP, all members must attend the ASAP Summer Institute. (In Manhattan)

Please save the last 2 weeks of August and make sure you will be able to attend!



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2016-2017 Student Application Form

- ASAP is open to students enrolled in NYC public high schools interested in Asian Pacific American issues.
• Applicants must be able to attend the Summer Institute training in August 2016.
• Applicants must commit to attend weekly meetings during the school year, plus additional obligations outside of weekly meetings when needed.

Application Deadline: Friday, June 17th, 2016 at 5pm.

Name (First, Last):

Address: City: State: Zip:

Cell Phone Number: Home Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

What is the best way to contact you? Check One: [] Cell Phone [] Home Phone [] E-mail [] Text Message

If by phone, what times are best to contact you?

School (Attending in Fall 2016):

Grade Level Next Year (in Fall 2016):

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

Parent or Guardian's Contact Number:

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Birth date: Gender: Female Male

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

- 1. Languages other than English that you speak and/or write:
2. What language(s) do you speak at home?:
3. 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?
4. Do you receive free or reduced lunch at school? [] Yes [] No

Race/ethnicity (check all that apply):

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

