The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, will conduct the 2020 APAICS Youth Leadership Academy on June 14-19, 2020 in Washington, D.C. This program opportunity is for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) high school students to develop their leadership skills and learn more about government, public policy, and issues impacting AAPI communities. Students participating in the program will have the opportunity to discuss and debate current issues; gain insights from policy, media, and advocacy experts; participate in legislative simulations; and meet with Members of Congress and leaders from the AAPI community.

**Program Tuition:** The program tuition is $1,650. Tuition for 2020 APAICS Youth Leadership Academy includes curriculum and instructional staff, meals, hotels, in-town transportation, airport transfers, supplemental insurance, entrance fees, access to Georgetown University Hospital for medical care, security, and night monitors. Tuition does not include transportation to Washington, D.C. Upon acceptance into the program, participants must submit a non-refundable program deposit of $600 to confirm participation.

**Application Deadline:** All program applications must be received by Monday, March 2, 2020. Students will receive notification of their acceptance to participate in the program by April 24, 2020. The program deposit must be submitted by May 8, 2020 to confirm participation. To access the application, go to: [www.closeup.org/APAICSapplication](http://www.closeup.org/APAICSapplication).

**Scholarships:** There are a limited number of need-based scholarships available. To qualify, please complete the financial aid section of the application. Interested students will receive notification of program acceptance and scholarship awards by April 24, 2020.

**Contact:** If you have any questions, please contact Anna McMullen at amcmullen@closeup.org or 703-706-3434.
2020 APAICS YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Students arrive throughout day
Dinner
Welcome & Orientation: Meet AAPI students from across the country. Get to know the staff from APAICS and Close Up Opening Workshop
Opening Workshop: What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?
Student Lounge
Room Check

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast
APAICS Opportunities & Networking: Meet APAICS interns and fellows to learn more about APAICS opportunities in D.C.
Lunch
Capitol Hill Meetings
- Meet with Members of Congress and staff
- Attend and observe Congressional Committee Hearings
- Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum
- Witness the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in action in the Galleries
Group Picture
Dinner
Cultural Event: Attend theater or sporting event
Room Check

THURSDAY

Breakfast
Community Action Workshop: Identify community issues and creating an action plan to address those issues.
Lunch
Community Action Onsite: Learn how nonprofits and local groups serve their community.
Explore Smithsonian Museums
Closing Workshop:
How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?
Closing Dinner & Banquet: Share your highlights from the week
Dance
Room Check

FRIDAY

Breakfast
Complete Program Surveys
Departures

2020 APAICS Youth Leadership Academy
June 14-19, 2020 | Washington, D.C

TUITION
INCLUDES

• Quality hotel accommodations
• Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily
• Entrance fees
• In-town transportation, including airport transfers
• Instructional staff
• Program resources and materials
• Round-the-clock supervision and night security
• Secondary Health Insurance and access to Georgetown University Medical Center

ELIGIBILITY

AAPI high school-aged students (grades 9-12).

QUESTIONS
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MONDAY

Breakfast
Exploring American Political Values Memorial Study Visits: Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?
- Jefferson Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- MLK Memorial
Lunch
Current Issues Seminar: Discuss current issues with a policy, media, or advocacy expert
American Political Values Workshop: Examine the intersection of liberty, equality, and justice
Dinner
Domestic Issues Debate: Gain insights on different viewpoints and engage with a liberal and a conservative debater
Student Lounge
Room Check

TUESDAY

Breakfast
War Memorial Study Visits: What do the memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?
- WWII Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- Japanese American Memorial
Lunch
AAPI Policy Seminar: Discuss issues with policy experts and AAPI leaders
Dinner
Capitol Hill Prep & Congressional Simulation: Debate, amend, and vote on legislation in Congress
Student Lounge
Room Check