

Southeast Asian Student Coalition

Summer Institute 2015

University of California, Berkeley

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The University of California, Berkeley Southeast Asian Student Coalition (SASC) was formed in the year 2000 by an ambitious group of college students who sought to empower the Southeast Asian American community. One of the Coalition's major developments was the formation of the annual Summer Institute. The SASC Summer Institute is a five-day educational program, which takes place in the summer and will last from **Wednesday, June 17th through Sunday, June 21st**. The program caters specifically to youth who are tied to the Southeast Asian refugee experience (i.e. Vietnam War, Khmer Rouge, Secret War). Youth of any locality demonstrating strong interest in the program are highly encouraged to apply. **Transportation is NOT included outside of the Bay Area or Central Valley; however, we will try our best to help find transportation methods and accommodations.**

The SASC Summer Institute's objective is to build a network within the Southeast Asian American communities amongst high school students, college students, parents, and community members to promote greater access to higher education. Those selected will participate in college workshops, dialogues, and other peer-bonding activities, while staying in one of the U.C. Berkeley dormitories or other accommodations.

This is an **all-expense paid summer program** that provides a safe and constructive learning environment. Participants will be matched with a college mentor who can offer guidance specific to a student's needs. SASC Summer Institute is seeking open-minded high school students with diverse experiences and backgrounds. This program provides an exciting experience for students by exposing them to higher education while exploring their cultural background.

Academic performance is not a factor in the acceptance of participants thus all are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due (postmarked) by Monday, March 30th at 11:59 P.M.** Applicants will be contacted upon receipt of application and selected attendees will be notified by the **beginning of May**.

High school students of any ethnicity are eligible to apply, however, please be aware that the majority of the workshops will cater to students who relate to the Southeast Asian experience (Southeast Asian include but is not limited to Mien, Hmong, Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese ethnicities).

One of the only things we ask of you is to *respect and follow the community agreements that we will be making upon your arrival to the program*. This is for your comfortability and safety in the program. More information on this will be in your welcoming packet as you arrive.

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Personal Information:

Name (LAST, FIRST):

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Place of birth:

If applicable, when did you come to the United States?

What generation do you identify as (1st Gen: Born in the home country/refugee camp, 2nd Gen: Born in the US, 3rd Gen: Children of American Born):

Ethnic Background:

*** Cell: ()

*** Home: ()

*** Emergency Contact (Name & Number):

Emergency Contact Relationship to Student:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Email:

Have you applied to be an SI mentee before? YES NO If yes, what year?

Have you been a part of SI before? (Example: volunteer)

Have you ever been part of any other programs on the U.C. Berkeley Campus?

Have you ever been part of any Southeast Asian or Asian/Pacific Islander community organizations (i.e. AYPAL, SEAYL) ? If yes, please specify their names and your involvement.

How did you hear about SASC SI?

Academic Information:

Name of School:

Address:

Grade Level:

Short Answers: (There are no wrong answers. This is for us to get to know you better.)

1) Describe yourself in three words:

2) What is your favorite quote, and why?

3) Please describe a daily routine or tradition of your's that may seem ordinary to others but holds a special meaning to you. Why is this practice significant to you?

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PERSONAL RESPONSES:

This part of the application helps us know more about who you are. Please answer both of the questions honestly and thoroughly. If you are submitting a hard copy of your application via mail, **PLEASE MAIL YOUR TYPED/HAND-WRITTEN RESPONSE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** If you are submitting your application via email, **PLEASE ATTACH ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER.** The recommended minimum is 250 words and no maximum, so feel free to write as much as you feel needed.

1). Community Action

What is one issue or struggle that you see in your family, school, or community? By community, we mean the environment, people, and places around you that affect your everyday life. How does this affect you? Please share and elaborate on any personal experiences you have had with this issue or struggle. What could you do to fix or alleviate this problem? Why is this issue or struggle important to address?

2). Identity (expression and voice; open-ended)

Put together a piece that portrays you, who you think you are, and how others see you. There are no rules or limitations to anything. We encourage you to use your own voice & creativity (examples: poetry, prose, song, drawings, writing etc.), or any other form of artistic expression of your choice. You make the choice. *(Please include an interpretation of your artistic piece.)*

Please submit APPLICATIONS by Monday, March 30th at 11:59 PM

Preferably, submit by emailing to: sascsi.outreach@gmail.com

**If you do not have access to a computer you can also mail in a physical copy
(Must be postmarked by Monday, March 30th).**

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Have questions? Feel free to contact us!

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