# **APALA Membership Form**

Mail this form or join online: http://www.apalaweb.org/membership/join-or-renew/ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_ Renewal \_ Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Position: Organization: Address: Work \_\_\_ Home \_\_\_ Address: State: Zip: Phone: Add me to the APALA listsery: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ APALA has permission to use my name in its online and print publications: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Dues are enclosed for: Personal – \$35 \_\_\_ Student - \$15 \_\_\_ Library Support Staff – \$20 Unemployed - \$20 Retiree – \$20 Life - \$400 \_\_\_ Institutional – \$70 Corporate – \$250 \_\_\_ APALA Scholarship Fund – \$\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ APALA General Fund - \$ APALA Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant-\$

Total amount enclosed:



# Help APALA Grow!

I recommend the following potential member (optional):

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#### **HISTORY & MISSION**



Since its establishment in 1980, the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) has dedicated itself in supporting the aspirations

of Asian/Pacific American (APA) librarians and fostering open and informed dialogues that address the issues and needs of APA librarians, as well as professionals who serve APA communities. Besides increasing visibility of APA librarians and their work within the profession, APALA strives to collaborate with other ethnic associations with similar missions to promote inclusivity within the library profession.



#### **PURPOSE**

- To collaborate and exchange ideas with ALA and other ethnic associations
- To mentor APA librarians
- To support library services to APA communities
- To discuss issues affecting APA librarians
- To provide scholarships and other awards
- To support organizations having similar or allied interests

#### **AWARDS**

APALA buttresses its vision and purposes through the following awards. All but one is awarded annually.

Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature – honors and recognizes individual works about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritages based on literary and artistic merit. Award categories include: Children's Picture Books, Children's Literature, Literature for Teens, Adult Fiction, and Adult Non-Fiction.

Scholarship Award – Provides financial assistance to a student of Asian/Pacific background who is enrolled, or has been accepted to, a master's or doctoral degree program in library and/or information science at library school accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).

## ALA Emerging Leaders Sponsorship –

Provides funding for one APALA member to participate in the ALA Emerging Leaders program.

**Travel Award** – Provides financial assistance to one APALA member of Asian/Pacific heritage to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

### Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant –

Awarded to an APALA member engaged in a research activity that contributes to the field of library and information science and APA librarianship. Awarded selected years.



#### WHY JOIN?

- Meet, communicate, and collaborate with ALA, its affiliates, and other ethnic associations with similar interests
- Discuss challenges concerning our profession
- Participate in mentoring programs
- Partake in member-exclusive continuous learning opportunities
- Seek funding or scholarships
- Join the APALA listserv
- Exclusive networking opportunities with librarians and information professional across different types of libraries and information environments, both nationally and regionally

Membership is open to all librarians and information specialists of Asian/Pacific descent and others who support the goals and purpose of APALA.

#### **MAKE IT YOUR APALA**

APALA has many standing committees that cater to various interests. Our organization is a welcoming and encouraging place for attaining valuable experience in committee participation and leadership.