



Southeast Asian Student Coalition

Summer Institute 2019

University of California, Berkeley

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The University of California, Berkeley's 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 four-day educational program, which takes place in the summer and will last from **Thursday, June 20th through Sunday, June 23th**. The program caters specifically to youth who want to explore their Southeast Asian identity, and to those whose families 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 in California; 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 for all youth, including those who identify as queer, trans, or gender nonconforming. 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. 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 experiences (Southeast Asian include but is not limited to Mien, Hmong, Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese ethnicities).

Academic performance is not a factor in the acceptance of participants thus all are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due by Sunday, April 7th at 11:59 P.M.** If sent by mail, **applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 12th.** Applicants will be contacted upon receipt of application and selected attendees will be notified by the **beginning of May.**

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 own comfort and safety in the program. More information will be provided on your welcoming packet as you arrive.