



## Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association

# **VU NGUYEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association **Vu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship** was established to honor Detective Vu Dinh Nguyen's commitment to his community and his dedication to law enforcement.

Vu and his family escaped Vietnam via helicopter airlift from the American Embassy on April 29, 1975. After growing up in Modesto, Vu chose to pursue a career in law enforcement. He graduated with honors from California State University, Sacramento, in 1997, with a major in Criminal Justice. In 1999, Vu attended the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Academy. He graduated as the top recruit in his class and earned three of the top four recruit performance awards.

In his career as a deputy sheriff for Sacramento County, Vu worked in a variety of assignments, including the courthouse and patrol. He also served as a problem oriented police officer (POP). In April 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned to the Gang Suppression Unit. Vu had a long standing desire to work as a gang detective and felt that this assignment gave him the best opportunity to contribute directly to the public. Proud of his heritage, he was well respected within the Vietnamese community.

On December 19, 2007, Vu was shot and killed as he attempted to apprehend a fleeing suspect and made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting that community. Vu will always be missed, but will be remembered for his professionalism, humor, and for being the consummate team player.

The scholarship committee is seeking a dedicated individual who intends to pursue a career in law enforcement. The recipient of the **Vu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship** will demonstrate pride in his or her work, as well as have a high level of integrity in their personal and professional interactions. These are all qualities exemplified by Detective Vu Dinh Nguyen.

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:**

- Must be of Asian or Pacific Islander descent
- High school graduate with a minimum high school GPA of 3.0, and
- Either a full time student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from a university or college within Sacramento County accredited by the *Western Association of School and Colleges*, or who has been accepted into or is enrolled in a California Peace Officer Standards and Training-certified peace officer training academy.
- US citizenship, U.S. national, or have permanent U.S. residency status.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Applications will be reviewed and assessed based upon all aspects of the application and its presentation. The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association reserves the right to request personal interviews with applicants to assist in the selection process.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

A completed application package shall include all of the following items:

- The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association Vu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship application. This application is available on the Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association web site:

[www.sacapoa.org](http://www.sacapoa.org)

- An essay outlining the applicant's need for this scholarship, future goals and aspirations pertaining to the applicant's law enforcement career, and the applicant's demonstrated commitment to the community and the greater public good. This essay shall be submitted in 12-point *New Times Roman* or *Arial* font, 1 inch margins, double spaced, and shall not exceed two single sided pages. The applicant's full name must be included in the header of each page.
- Photo copy of high school diploma (if applicable).
- Photo copy of high school transcript.

- Official college transcript indicating cumulative GPA. Transcripts need not be mailed directly from the institution. Copies of official transcripts are acceptable. **DO NOT SEND UNOFFICIAL GRADE REPORTS.** The transcript must show current enrollment (if applicable).
- Or an official letter of acceptance into a POST certified peace officer training academy or confirmation of enrollment (if applicable).
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters should highlight the applicant's academic or personal achievements and potential to make positive contributions to the law enforcement profession.
- Applicant's resume. Resume should include: education, employment history, community involvement, extracurricular activities, leadership experience and honors received.

The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association reserves the right to use information from the scholarship recipient's application and letters of recommendation as part of the publicity regarding the **Vu Nguyen Memorial Scholarship** and in the award presentation.

The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association also reserves the right to verify the accuracy of the information contained in each submitted application package. False statements or misrepresentations of fact will result in immediate disqualification from the selection process as well as future applications to the scholarship. Application materials will not be returned.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

The selection committee will, at a minimum, consist of:

- One board member from the Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association
- One community or business member chosen by the Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association
- One sworn officer from a law enforcement agency in the greater Sacramento area.

### **TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

- The scholarship recipient will receive:
  - An award in the amount of \$500 to be presented at the annual Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association Banquet on Friday, June 11, 2010. (The scholarship committee reserves the right to modify the amount of the scholarship based on the availability of funds)

- A one year's membership to the Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association.
- The recipient will be required to attend the annual Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association Banquet to accept the scholarship award and speak briefly to the audience.
- Attendance at the following annual Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association Banquet to assist in the presentation of the next scholarship award announcement.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

The completed application package and all supporting documents must be **received** (not postmarked) by 5:00 PM PST April 30, 2010. Please allow sufficient time for delivery as postmarks are not accepted as validation of the deadline stated.

Please mail to:

Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association  
P.O. Box 221251  
Sacramento, CA 95822

## SACRAMENTO ASIAN PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sacramento Asian Peace Officers' Association will award one \$500 scholarship to students from the Greater Sacramento Area attending a community college, vocational school or college/university majoring in criminal justice or attending an accredited police academy in the 2010-11 Academic Year.

- Please type or print legibly. A complete application package (cover letter, application and essay) must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Scholarship recipients must attend an awards dinner held on June 11, 2010 at the Happy Garden Restaurant in Sacramento.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name (Last, First)	Name of Father/Legal Guardian (Last, First,) Occupation and Ethnicity
Applicant's Address	Name of Mother/Legal Guardian (Last, First), Occupation and Ethnicity
Home Phone Number (Including Area Code)	E-mail Address
Current School and City	School Counselor's Name and Phone Number

B. OTHER INFORMATION
Colleges/Universities or Vocational Schools you have applied to for the 2008-09 academic year:
Other grants and scholarships you have applied for:
Planned Major or Career Goal:

C. COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, AND WORK ACTIVITIES (9 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Present) – List pertinent school activities, volunteer experience, community service, cultural contributions, work experience, etc. <i>List in priority order beginning with the activity in which you were most involved and ending with those in which you were least involved.</i> (If needed, attach additional sheets and use the same format.)			
Dates (from ___ to ___)	Hrs per week	Activity/ Organization	What was your involvement and responsibility in the activity or experience?

