Wow Us! Apply for a Grant from Us in 2016!

Download this application at dcgivingcircle.wordpress.com/apply!

In 2016, the Cherry Blossom Giving Circle is offering unrestricted grants between $500 and $4,000. We are a group of volunteers committed to creating positive change in the Asian American/ Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities of the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Since 2009, we have pooled our resources to give out nearly $60,000 in grants to 16 nonprofit organizations that serve local AAPI communities.

The number and actual size of the grants will be based on the number of applicants and the amount of funding resources available. If you wow us with your organization or project explained in your application, you could receive one of them.

To apply, please fill out the short application on the next page, and submit your application by our deadline of Monday, Oct. 31, 2016 at 11:59 pm ET. Apply today!

Email your application to us at dcgivingcircle@gmail.com, and use the following subject line: *2016 Grant Application: [Name of your organization]*. We will send you a confirmation email when we receive your application; please follow up with us if you do not receive one.

Here are the important dates and activities that you should know about:

- Oct. 31, 2016 at 11:59 pm ET: Submission deadline
- Nov. 2016: Review of applications, including follow-up questions as needed
- Feb. 2017 (no later than): Announcement of grants and awarding of grant funds
- 2017: Occasional requests for brief status updates from organizations receiving grants

If you have questions or want more information about our giving circle—including how to join us—visit dcgivingcircle.wordpress.com or email us at dcgivingcircle@gmail.com.

Our giving circle is a member of the AAPIP National Giving Circle Network (http://aapip.org/what-we-do/national-giving-circle-network).

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Question 1: Provide the following information about your organization.

- Name of organization
- Mailing address
- Website, Facebook page, Twitter account, and/or other social media
- Contact person name, email address, and telephone number
- Year that your organization was founded
- Amount of grant funds requested (between $500 and $4,000)
- How you learned about the Cherry Blossom Giving Circle and this application

Question 2: Please answer the following questions about the following criteria.

- Show us that your organization has 501(c)(3) status or that your organization has a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status. Refer us to *CONNECT! Guide*[1] if applicable, or attach the 501(c)(3) tax determination letter.
- We are accepting applications only for organizations or projects that have budgets under $500,000. Please check yes if your budget is under $500,000.
  _____ Yes (Note: We may follow up with you for additional documentation if needed.)
- We are accepting applications only for organizations or projects that we have not previously funded or that we have funded only one time before. Please check yes if this would be your first or second grant from us.
  _____ Yes

Question 3: Show us how your organization or project meets all of our criteria below. Wow us! Respond with a maximum of 400 words or with a video that is no longer than 2 minutes.

- Your organization or project primarily serves members of AAPI communities who live, work, or study in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.
- The activities of your organization or project help promote positive change and help improve the lives of members of AAPI communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, and the requested grant funds (which may be for general operational support) will be used towards those efforts.
- Your organization is based in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

[1]The *CONNECT! Guide* provides information about community organizations serving AAPI communities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. You can access the guide at http://aapip.org/publications/connect-guide-0.