

Benson Louie Scholarship fund

**Deadline: Monday, Friday, April 9, 2021**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Grade level: High school senior
* Must be enrolled in a two or four year accredited college or university and attending in Fall 2021
* Must have participated on your high school volleyball team for a minimum of two years
* Must be graduating from a San Francisco public high school (SFUSD)

**Background Information:**

* Number of awards: 2
* Amount: $1,000 each
* Renewable? no
* Established in memory of Benson Louie

**Selection Criteria:**

The fund values students who exemplify Benson Louie’s strengths:

* Passion - Intense conviction
* Persistence - Continuing despite adversity
* Leadership - The ability to influence others
* Generosity - The desire to give to others

**Purpose:**

Father. Husband. Son. Brother. Friend. Coach. Co-worker. Leader. These words describe Benson Louie, who [lost his life tragically](https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/UPS-shooting-victim-Benson-Louie-was-beloved-11222400.php) in a workplace violence incident at the age of 50.

Benson was a native San Franciscan who had a passion for volleyball. He was a fierce competitor who translated his on-court experience to coaching. He was recognized as a leader in the Chinese American volleyball community. A diligent worker, he was known on his UPS route to be friendly and thoughtful. As a friend, his generosity with his time, energy and talent were unmatched. He approached life with vigor and never backed down from a challenge.

The Fund’s purpose is to honor the spirit of Benson Louie and to support college-bound high school seniors who share his enthusiasm for volleyball and simultaneously exhibit his best qualities of passion, persistence, leadership and generosity.

**Application Checklist:** Applicants are responsible for submitting all materials to the Asian Pacific Fund by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when the Asian Pacific Fund has received all of the following materials:

Completed student application form

Essays

One letter of recommendation from a coach, teacher or community leader. *Letters should be on official school or organization letterhead. Please include student’s first and last name.*

Completed application form with supplemental materials must be postmarked by **Friday**, **April 9, 2021**. Please send to:

**Benson Louie Scholarship Fund**

**Asian Pacific Fund**

**465 California Street, Suite 809**

**San Francisco, CA 94104**

Questions? Check our [Frequently Asked Questions](http://asianpacificfund.org/frequently-asked-questions) page or e-mail [scholarship@asianpacificfund.org](mailto:scholarship@asianpacificfund.org).

**Scholarship Application**

To apply, please complete the following application form. Please type or print legibly.

**Contact and Household Information**

**Personal Information**

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| First name: | | Middle name/initial: | | Last name: | |
| Home phone:  (     )       - | Cell phone:  (     )       - | | | | Date of birth:      /     / |
| Email address: | | | Gender: | | |

**Permanent Residence**

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| Address (Number & Street): | | | Apartment/Suite: |
| City: | State: | Zip/Postal Code: | |
| Mailing address, if different from above: | | | Apartment/Suite: |
| City: | State: | Zip/Postal Code: | |

**Parent or Guardian Information**

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| First name: | | Middle name/initial: | | Last name: |
| Relation to applicant: | Telephone:  (     )      - | | Email address: | |
| Address (if different from above): | | | | |

**Publicity**

How did you hear about this program? (please check all that apply)

College/Career Counselor Teacher  Family/Family Friend

Coach  Player  Internet (please specify):

**Other (please specify):**

**Academics and Activities**

**Academic Information:**

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| Current High School: | Current grade level: |
| Expected college/university: | |

**Volleyball experience (school or club)**

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| --- | --- |
| Year | Team |
| Year | Team |
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**Community service (if any)**

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| Year | Organization |
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First & last name:

**Essay Questions**

Please respond to each of the short essay questions below on a separate sheet of paper. Your essays should be in 12-point font and single-spaced. At the top of the page, include your name and the name of the scholarship program.

*Benson lived his life with passion, persistence, leadership, and generosity. The following questions will help us understand how you live your life with these ideals:*

1. Benson always gave 110%. Whether it was a game of cards or seeking a national volleyball championship, his energy was endless and infectious. What are you passionate about and how do you demonstrate that passion every day? (150-300 words)
2. There were many situations where the odds were stacked against Benson at home, on the court, and at work. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he thought was right and, most of all, he loved to win. Tell us about a situation where your persistence paid off. (150-300 words)
3. Benson led in many ways. Sometimes he was loud and vocal and other times he simply used his performance to speak for him. He led in the workplace and championed those who did not have their own voice. He was influential among his peers. How do you lead in your community? What is your biggest accomplishment as a leader? (150-300 words)
4. Benson seemed to have an unending capacity to give. Whether it was sharing his time, talent or treasure he was always willing to lend a helping hand - even when he wasn’t asked. There are many ways to give; how do you give to your teammates, family, and community? (150-300 words)

**Complete & sign portion below:**

*I state under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge all of the information provided in this application is true and accurate. If selected as a recipient of the Benson Louie Scholarship, I agree to provide any additional documentation that may be required.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Student’s Name:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If student is under 18 years old:*

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent’s Name:      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_