Announcing the 2026 CAPIAA Annual Report Design Contest

Deadline: July 31, 2026

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Are you a young creative with a passion for community and design? The California Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs (CAPIAA) invites you to design the cover of our 2026 Annual Report!

Every year, CAPIAA releases an annual report showcasing what we have done, what we have heard from our community, and our work ahead.

This year's theme is **"California: Where We Belong,"** highlighting the stories, cultures, and communities that define California. It celebrates identity, representation, and unity, recognizing the diverse communities that make our state a place where everyone can thrive. We invite the next generation of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) leaders to share what belonging means to them and showcase the people, traditions, and experiences that make California feel like home.

Eligibility

- California residents age 14-24
    - Contestants under 18 must include a parental consent letter with their submission
- Artists and designers passionate about AANHPI stories and experiences

Submission Guidelines and How to Enter

- Deadline: Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.
- Submit via CAPIAA Website: https://capiaa.ca.gov/contest2026/.
- Up to 2 designs allowed.
- Use CAPIAA's color theme and logos (see Brand Guide).
- Submit in vector format (high-resolution AI, JPG or EPS files).
- Preferred: High-resolution format compatible with Adobe and/or Canva.
- Minors must submit a Parent/Legal Guardian consent form.

Selection Process

CAPIAA will select the finalist based on:

- Concept/originality capturing the theme “California: Where We Belong”
- Visual Impact
- Completeness
- Cultural Relevance

Consider some of these questions to guide your design:

- How do AANHPI communities come together to shape California’s culture, policy, history, and future?
- How can your artwork celebrate belonging, identity, and the connections that unite AANHPI communities across California?
- How can you leave an impact on diverse communities and reinforce ideas of unity and strength?

Finalist Notification & Artist Feature

The selected finalist will be notified in September 2026 and will enter into a contract with CAPIAA, awarding $1,000.00.

The selected finalist will be featured through an artist questionnaire on CAPIAA website and social media pages.

Submission Terms

- Submission must be original, not copied or AI-generated, and not violate any intellectual property rights.
- Submissions become the sole property of CAPIAA upon entry, regardless of whether the participant is selected as the finalist.
- CAPIAA is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or unusable entries, or for issues caused by technical failures.
- CAPIAA reserves full rights to use, reproduce, publish, adapt, modify, or distribute the submitted artwork in any format, including promotional materials: print, digital, and social media, with appropriate credit to the artist.
- Acknowledge that CAPIAA is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, or unusable entries, or for issues caused by technical failures.

- Failure to comply with contest rules may result in disqualification or forfeiture of the prize.
- Grant permission for CAPIAA to feature my name, likeness (photo/video), biographical information, and artwork in its printed and digital materials without further consent and compensation.
- Release CAPIAA, its staff, commissioners, and affiliates from any and all claims or liability arising from participation in the contest or use of submitted artwork.
- Finalist will be awarded a contract upon official selection, and this award is contingent upon CAPIAA's final decision.