



COUNCIL OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

Our Stories, Our Voices: Growing Up Asian American

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Northville, MI – **Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA)** is collaborating on a short documentary film to showcase stories of youth growing up in Asian American immigrant homes. Funded by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, this project will bring together families to explore our community's heritage through storytelling and personal narratives.

Everyday conversations – on dinner table etiquette, family values, even sleepovers – look a little different in an immigrant household. Migration is an emotional experience, combining the excitement of a new beginning with sacrifice and memories of home. How do generations raised in vastly different environments communicate with and relate to one another? This project interviews youth in first-generation Asian American households, and their parents, to see how families live in between worlds, blending the customs and traditions of the old country with the hope and opportunity of the American dream.

For eight months, we will interview and follow families through their daily routines to document how life in an Asian American household unfolds. We will also hold a series of community conversations bringing youth and parents together to understand each other's perspectives on everything from migration to family customs to food, relationships and dating.

If you are a first-generation immigrant family with kids between the ages of 16 and 26, we want to hear from you! We are looking for families to participate in interviews and/or our community conversations. If you are interested in getting involved, please fill out Google form at <http://bit.ly/2bfUnuS> or email film@capa-mi.org.

We are also seeking a freelance filmmaker to accompany the project director to events, community dialogues and interview shoots. This is a great opportunity for students looking to build experience with documentary style shooting. A minimum of one year of filmmaking experience is required. Interested applicants should email a resume and a link to 2-3 samples of work to film@capa-mi.org.

CAPA (www.capa-mi.org) brings Asian Pacific Americans together with the community at large through culture, education and community services. CAPA's signature events continue to showcase the growing strength of the APA communities and their increasing contributions to Michigan's economy, diversity and vitality. For more information, please visit www.capa-mi.org.

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