



OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley

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OCA Need-Based Awards for Asian Youth

Description:

Six monetary awards will be given to talented high school juniors or seniors of Asian descent from families with financial needs. Students from immigrant families or whose parents have never attended a four-year college are particularly invited to apply. The awards are:

- The Jeannette Wang Award (\$1,000)
- The Avon Xiaochun Luo Award in STEM (\$1,000)
- The Phi Lambda Westchester Award (\$1,000)
- The Jean Wood Chang Award (\$1,000)
- The Golden Apple Awards (two at \$1,000)

Eligibility: High school juniors and seniors of Asian descent with potential for college success

Criteria:

- 1) Financial need
- 2) Strong academic record

Application materials:

- 1) Application form completed by student
- 2) Current academic transcript
- 3) Summary of non-school activities including work experience
- 4) Two letters of recommendation (One letter from guidance counselor attesting to applicant's financial need and family background is required.)
- 5) One-page statement describing applicant's unique personal stories such as family background or history, obstacles and struggles encountered/overcome, life-changing events, special character strengths, and future college and career goals

Application deadline: October 12, 2018

By email: sla@oca-whv.org

Or postal mail: OCA Youth Awards
OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley
P.O. Box 541, White Plains, NY 10602

Questions? Contact: Dr. Linda Ching Sledge (linkong@mac.com)



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OCA Need-Based Youth Award Application Form

Applicant's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Name and address of high school: _____

Summarize your school and community activities, emphasizing leadership positions. Use back of form or one-page attachment, if necessary.

Write a one-page personal story, emphasizing struggles encountered/overcome, your family background, life-changing events, special character strengths, and future career goals.

To qualify for a need-based award, you must affirm that your family has financial need, and submit a letter from your guidance counselor attesting to your financial need. Please initial _____

Have your parents attended a four-year college anywhere in the world? _____

If selected, you must be present to receive the award as our guest at the OCA Gala at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown on November 3, 2018. Please initial _____

Your signature below attests to the fact that all materials submitted on behalf of your application are true and verifiable.

Your signature

Print your name

Date submitted



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Optional questions for the Koo Family Community Engagement Award

If you are also applying for the Koo Family Community Engagement Award (\$600 - \$1,200), please describe what kind of community service and advocacy activities you have done so far. Why did you do it and how did you start? What kind of community service activities do you hope to pursue in college and beyond? Please respond in a clear and concise manner in no more than 3 paragraphs.