



OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley

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OCA Need-Based Youth Awards

Description:

OCA-WHV will provide 6 need-based awards in 2018 for students of exceptional promise with financial needs or students whose parents have never attended a four-year college in the U.S. or abroad. Students from new immigrant families are particularly invited to apply. The awards are:

- The Jeannette Wang Award (\$1,000)
- The Avon Xiaochun Luo Award for STEM (\$1,000)
- The Phi Lambda Westchester Award (\$1,500)
- The Jean Wood Chang Award in Liberal Arts (\$1,000)
- The Koo Family Community Engagement Scholarship (\$1,000)
- The Golden Apple Award (\$1,000)

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

Criteria:

- 1) Strong academic record,
- 2) Financial need attested by guidance counselor, or
- 3) Parents have never attended a four-year college/university anywhere in the world.

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 (letter from guidance counselor attesting to applicant's financial need and family background is required)
- 5) One-page statement describing applicant's unique personal story (e.g. family background or history; obstacles and struggles encountered/overcome; life-changing events; special character strengths; future college and career goals)

Deadline: October 8, 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: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Name/address of applicant's school: _____

Briefly summarize your school/community activities, emphasizing leadership positions. Use back of form or attachments.

Summarize (one page) your personal story, emphasizing struggles encountered/overcome, your family background, life-changing events, special character strengths, future career goals:

To qualify for a need-based award, you must affirm that your family has financial need, or neither of your parents has attended a 4-year college anywhere in the world. Please initial _____

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