OCA Opportunity-Based Awards for Asian Youth

Description:

Six monetary awards will be given to talented high school 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 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 22, 2021

Online: http://tinyurl.com/OCA-OBA2021

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OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley
Embracing the hopes and aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans

OCA Opportunity-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: ______________________________________________

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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 Sleepy Hollow Hotel in Tarrytown on November 13, 2021. 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

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Date submitted