OCA Student Leadership Award

Description:

The Student Leadership Award is an annual merit award which recognizes the achievements of outstanding Asian American student leaders from area high schools and language schools. This award is sponsored by the Westchester-Hudson Valley chapter of OCA, the foremost organization in the nation advocating for social justice for Asians in America. Ten awards of $200 will be granted in the fall of 2021.

Recipients of the Student Leadership Awards will be honored at the annual OCA Dynamic Achievers Awards Gala at the Sleepy Hollow Hotel in Tarrytown on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Awardees are considered the youthful counterparts of Dynamic Achievers from the local Asian community recognized by OCA each year, among them Oscar-winning director Ang Lee, AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho, and the Honorable Elaine L. Chao, U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Eligibility:
High school seniors who are of Asian descent or non-Asians who demonstrate a keen interest in Asian language and culture.

Criteria:
1) Demonstrable leadership in school activities and in the community
2) Academic excellence
3) Interest in Asian culture and commitment to Asian American social concerns.

Application materials:

1) Application form completed by student
2) Current academic transcript
3) Summary of extracurricular activities including community service and cultural activities, particularly those relating to the Asian community
4) One-page personal statement describing career and educational goals
5) Two letters of recommendation (One letter from guidance counselor or school administrator is required.)

Deadline: October 22, 2021

Online: http://tinyurl.com/OCA-SLA2021
Email: sla@oca-whv.org
Postal mail: OCA Youth Awards
OCA Westchester-Hudson Valley
P.O. Box 541, White Plains, New York 10602
OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley
Embracing the hopes and aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans

OCA Student Leadership Awards 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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Briefly summarize your school and community activities, emphasizing leadership positions. Use back of form or one-page attachment, if necessary.

Have you participated in OCA activities? If so, please describe below.

If selected, you must be present to receive the award as our guest at the OCA Gala on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Sleep Hollow Hotel in Tarrytown. 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