



OCA Westchester and Hudson Valley

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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 2019.

Recipients of the Student Leadership Awards will be honored at the annual OCA Dynamic Achievers Awards Gala at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown on Saturday, November 2, 2019. 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 (1996 Time Magazine Man of the Year), and the Honorable Elaine L. Chao, U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Eligibility:

High school juniors and 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 12, 2019

By email: sla@oca-whv.org

Or postal mail: OCA Youth Awards
OCA Westchester-Hudson Valley
P.O. Box 541, White Plains, New York 10602



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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: _____

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 2, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton 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

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.