



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 2018.

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 3, 2018. 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, 2018

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

Questions?

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



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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 3, 2018 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.



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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

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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? _____

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