



WIN OCA-Long Island SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A local chapter of a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States, OCA-Long Island annually sponsors an essay competition for Asian American high school juniors and seniors. Prizes will be awarded to students with the best original essays on a timely issue of interest to the Asian American community, including \$500 in cash prizes. Winning students will also demonstrate scholarship, citizenship and leadership.

Essay Question

As the tenth anniversary of 9/11 approaches, it is a time to remember, a time to heal, and a time to reflect on our nation's future. Write an essay in which you address all of the following questions:

1. *Where were you on September 11, 2001? What were your immediate reactions to the events of 9/11?*
2. *How were various Asian American communities affected by 9/11? (For example, inhabitants and businesses of Chinatown, communities of South Asian Americans, Muslim and Sikh communities)*
3. *What events from Asian American history might help us as a nation to continue to cope with the effects of 9/11? (For example, Personal Justice Denied, the June 23, 1983 Report of the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the U. S. government's own self-study, concluded that "the broad historical causes which shaped these decisions [the relocation and incarceration of the Japanese Americans] were race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership....")*
4. *What should we teach future generations (your grandchildren) about 9/11?*

Eligibility and Application Process

1. The scholarship is open to all students of Asian American ancestry in their junior or senior year of high school in the Spring of 2011.
2. An essay in response to the questions above must be submitted by July 4, 2011. Essay should be typed and double spaced with more than 500 and less than 1000 words.
3. Essay may be emailed as a Microsoft Word document by the student to both of the following:

Dr. Gary Mar at Gary.Mar@stonybrook.edu

Dr. Jean Lau Chin at Chin@adelphi.edu

Or a hard copy of the essay may be mailed to the Garden City address which follows below.

4. An official transcript must be sent directly by the high school counselor to:

The OCA-LI Scholarship Essay Competition

PO Box 2052, Garden City, NY 11531-2052

5. Winning students must be present to accept awards at the OCA-LI Gala on October 21, 2011 at Dae Dong Manor in Flushing.

Essays will be selected based upon originality, understanding of the subject matter, and effectiveness in presenting a point of view, as well as grammar and literary style.

Founded in 1981 as the Organization of Chinese Americans—Long Island Chapter, OCA is a national organization dedicated to the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

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