

Scholarship Application Requirements

Objective

OCCACC Foundation is committed to help our community by reaching out to those students who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom - but may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. We believe that investing in students who are leaders will result in positive and sustainable communities in the future.

Scholarship Application Requirements

- 1. The applicant has a need for financial aid to continue higher education (proof is needed, see below).
- 2. The applicant must be graduating from a high school in Orange County, Los Angeles County, and other nearby cities in summer of 2018.
- 3. The applicant must possess a current year admission to a community college, college or university.
- 4. The applicant has at least one parent who is of Chinese descent.
- 5. The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 (non-weighted) and a SAT score of not less than 1200 (new SAT) or an ACT of 27.

<u>The Application</u>- applicant must submit all information listed below:

- 1. Please fill out and sign the Application for Scholarship online
- 2. Proof of your income and financial need
 - Your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - If your family income (not your income) is below \$85,000:
 - a. We need your signed family's complete 1040 tax return for the most recent two years.
 - b. We need your IRS form 4506-T signed by the same filing parent(s)(original signature required) authorizes us to check your tax return. Please use this link and print: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf
- 3. Autobiography
 - A recent photo of the applicant.
 - The content can include: brief self-introduction of the applicant, his or her family, interests, work experiences, involvement in community service, goal and aspiration, financial situation, and reasons to apply for this scholarship.
 - This autobiography should be limited to: typed double-spaced in English; Times New Roman font; about 500 words.

- 4. Recommendation Letter
 - We need ONE recommendation letter, and it must be no more than one page and addressed to the OCCACC Foundation.
 - Recommendation letter from friend or relative will not be accepted. The recommendation letter can be provided by:
 a) High school teacher or advisor, b) Current or past manager or employer, c) Organizational leader.
 - This letter needs to have letterhead; with the contact information of the person who makes the recommendation; sealed, and send to us directly at the address below by this person.
- 5. Transcript (cumulative)
- 6. SAT or ACT score

Application Rules and Regulations

- 1. OCCACC Foundation will award ten (10) "OCCACC Scholars" up to four (4) year Scholarships at \$5,000 annually.
- 2. To ensure receiving four year uninterrupted award each OCCACC Scholar must continue submitting his (her) college grades (3.0 or better) and family tax return for the following three years to OCCACC Foundation every year until graduation.
- 3. Checks will be made out annually in the names of both the student and the college/university he (she) will attend so that the check can only be spent for needs at the school.
- 4. <u>The IRS Form 4506-T must bear the original signature.</u> <u>The IRS Form 4506-T and</u> <u>Recommendation Letter</u> should be submitted by mail only at the address below.
- 5. Every year the selection of OCCACC Scholars and their eligibility to continue receiving scholarship for the subsequent years until graduation are determined and monitored at the sole discretion by the Board of Directors of the OCCACC Foundation.
- 6. Application deadline will be postmarked no later than Feb 15, 2018.
- 7. There will be a home visit conducted between March 1 to March 31, 2018 for the selected scholarship applicants (will call for scheduling).
- 8. There will be a panel interview scheduled on April 14 and April 15, 2018 for the selected scholarship finalists (will call for scheduling).
- 9. The lucky ten "OCCACC Scholars" will be announced by April 18, 2018.

Scholarship Banquet

All "OCCACC Scholars" must be at the banquet in person to accept the Scholarship. Scholars who fail to show up at the banquet will be automatically disqualified for the Scholarship. Scholarship Banquet will be on June 9, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel.

Contact Information

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