

OCA SAN MATEO COUNTY CHAPTER 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Revised

Applicants *must* meet the following criteria:

- Identify as Asian Pacific American;
- Current resident of San Mateo County;
- Intend to enroll in a college or university in the Fall 2023;
- Attend the in-person Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 29, at 12-1:30pm PT

If any of these above conditions are not met, or if any part of the application is incomplete or any required documents are not submitted by the deadline (*received via email by 11:59pm, Friday, April 14*), the application will be disqualified. Applicants not attending college in Fall 2023 will also be disqualified and the award will be withdrawn.

The following criteria will be utilized in selecting the successful applicants:

- Financial need;
- Community service and volunteerism;
- Leadership and creativity;
- Academics

While financial need is the main consideration for the scholarships, other criteria such as community service and academic achievement will also be considered. Most of our successful applicants are among the top students in their class based on essays as well as grades and community service.

Applicants need to complete only one application to compete for all scholarships in our program. In prior years, we awarded 10+ scholarships and this coming year, we anticipate awarding at least 6+ scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Please email raymondtong@ocasanmateo.org, attention: Scholarship Committee, with your completed application. Please see www.ocasanmateo.org/scholarship for more information.

OCA San Mateo 2023 Scholarship Instructions

APPLICANT: Please complete and email Sections I & II *in pdf format* to the email below, and have your high school counselor complete and email Section III and a copy of your official transcript to the email address below. All applications must be received by email no later than **11:59pm, Friday, April 14, 2023**. Your counselor must also attach a copy of your official transcript. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified.**

We anticipate notifying applicants of the status of their applications by Saturday, April 22, 2023, to the email address provided on the application. Applicants not accepting their awards within 5 calendar days of notification by e-mail will be disqualified.

COUNSELOR: Please send the following to the email address below by Friday, April 14, 2023:

- 1) Copy of the applicant's official transcript;
- 2) Section III with applicable parts completed.

Thank you.

Email applications to:

raymondtong@ocasanmateo.org
SUBJECT: Scholarship Application

SECTION I

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Age _____

High School _____ Grade Level _____

Intended Occupation or Area of Study

Intended College Choice _____

Father's (or Guardian) Full Name:

Home Address:

Father's Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Title: _____

Mother's (or Guardian) Full Name:

Home Address:

Mother's Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Title: _____

Gross Annual Household Income: Please check the appropriate range:

___ Less than \$45,00 ___ \$45,000 – 80,000 ___ \$80,000-\$120,000 ___ \$120,000-\$150,000

___ Over \$150,000

Family

Sisters: Number _____ Ages: _____

Brothers: Number _____ Ages: _____

SECTION II

I. Essays

Each essay should not exceed 500 words, and *each page* must include: (1) your full name; (2) essay title; and (3) page numbers if needed. Please answer the following question on a separate piece of paper.

1. As a member of the Asian American community, what are some of the issues in this country that are personally or educationally/professionally relevant to you and how are these related to or impact your future (personal, educational, professional) planning?

Please answer **one** of the following questions on another sheet of paper:

1. What critical contributions have Asian Americans added to the fabric of this country?
2. What field of interest are you contemplating to enter upon college graduation and how did you come to choose this area of interest? Please share any personal story or experience that led you to pursue this area of interest.

II. Other Activities

Please list the following (use attachments as necessary):

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (including any offices held):

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates of Service:</u>
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AWARDS:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job Description</u>	<u>Length of Employment</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>
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OTHER INTERESTS, HOBBIES and TALENTS (please list and describe):

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Optional): Report any unusual circumstances (including financial need or SAT/ACT scores, if available, that might enhance a lower GPA) that have affected your school activities, work experience, or achievement in school.

I, _____, hereby certify the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the essays are my own work. I understand that all information is subject to verification.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

SECTION III

For Counselor Completion

Applicant Name:

To the Counselor: Please: (1) attach a copy of the applicant's transcript; (2) complete the sections below if applicable; (3) email this Section III and the transcript to: raymondtong@ocasanmateo.org; SUBJECT: Scholarship Application. Thank you.

I, _____, hereby certify that the above applicant currently has a GPA of _____ on a _____ point scale and a **weighted GPA** of _____ on a _____ point scale. If the school uses student ranking, the applicant is ranked _____ out of a class of _____ and has a combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing) SAT/ACT score of _____ (if available). The applicant is of good academic standing, and will graduate with the senior class on _____ Date.

Name of Counselor

Date _____

School: _____

Phone number and extension at school: _____

Counselor's school email address: _____