

The Chinese Community Center Chinese School Scholarship Award Program

I. Introduction

The Chinese Community Center (CCC) Chinese School Scholarship Award (The Scholarship Award) is established to recognize the outstanding high school students for their commitment to and achievement in learning the Chinese language and culture, their overall academic achievement in high school, and their volunteer services to the community. The Scholarship Award is intended for high school students who have been enrolled in the CCC Chinese School for at least three years and plan to attend college immediately after high school graduation.

II. Description

The Chinese School Council with the initial school operation fund contribution of \$10,000.00 established the Scholarship Award program on July 18th, 2003. The Scholarship Award shall be awarded with the interests earned from this initial contribution and other resources such as the additional scholarship donations and contribution from the school administration. The Scholarship Award is an annual award.

The Scholarship Award is intended to help high school students to cover partial college expenses, namely tuition, books, and fees. The Scholarship Award, in the amount of \$300 in US savings bonds, will be awarded at the end of the fall semester. The number of scholarships to be awarded each year depends on the amount of available scholarship funds. A student is permitted to receive such award only once during his/her attendance at the CCC Chinese School.

The Scholarship Award shall be granted without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.

III. Award committee

The Chinese School scholarship committee shall administer the Scholarship Award. The Chinese School Council appoints scholarship committee members. The committee shall consist of two teacher representatives (including past teachers), two parent representatives (including parents of past-students), and one representative of the school administration for the current school year.

The Chinese School Council shall name the committee members in the spring semester each year, and each member shall serve a 1-year term. Persons who have immediate family members and/or relatives who might apply for the current year award or any other conflict of interest shall not be selected to this committee.

The committee members elect the Committee chair. Current year award selection process, based on the section 4 defined in this documentation, shall be presented to the school council for approval no later than May 15. With such approved processes, the committee is the final decision maker on the award selections. The award winners are selected by a majority vote of the committee members.

IV. Scholarship Recipient Selection Criteria

1. Meets all Chinese School graduation requirements at the time of application.
2. Completes a Scholarship Application, including an essay in Chinese.
3. Ranked at the top one-third tier in the CCC Chinese School in the immediate past three years.
4. Completed at least 9th Grade in the regular high school.
5. Earned a GPA of 3.5 or above in the regular high school.
6. Performed at least 25 hours of community service, including at least 10 hours in the CCC Chinese School or the CCC.
7. Received scholarship recommendations from at least two Chinese School teachers and/or administrators (including past teachers and past administrators).

V. Application Deadline

Completed scholarship applications and supporting documents should be submitted to the Chinese School Scholarship Committee on or before **November** 19. The Scholarship Committee shall review the applications and make the final award selection no later than December 3. The Scholarship Award shall be publicly announced after the selection. Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from the Chinese School website at <http://www.albanychineseschool.org>.