

2012 TACT Scholarship Awards Announcement

TACT Scholarship Committee
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The Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT) invites SFUSD Chinese American high school seniors who will graduate in May 2012 to participate in its scholarship program. TACT will award scholarships of up to \$2000 each to students whose goals will benefit the Chinese American community. Applicants are required to complete an application form and submit it with the letters of recommendation and official transcript by February 29, 2012.

Selection Criteria. Semi-finalists will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Community volunteer service.
- A career goal in education, human services, arts, or communication.
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (unweighted).
- Participation in school and extracurricular activities.
- Demonstrated leadership in school and/or community related activities.
- Unusual circumstances, if any (i.e. health or financial need)

Application Requirements: Please enclose all items below in your application packet. Applications must be received by Wednesday, February 29, 2012. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- Completed application
- Letter of recommendation from a school faculty member (i.e. teacher, counselor, or school administrator)
- Letter of recommendation from a community person outside of school
- Copy of your official high school transcript including Fall 2011 final grades (a report card of Fall 2011 is acceptable in addition to your transcript)

Timeline for the 2012 TACT Scholarship Program:

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| February 29 | - | Deadline for receiving application and requested materials |
| March 10 | - | Semi-finalists and other applicants notified |
| March 17 | - | Semi-finalists interviewed |
| March 18 | - | Scholarship recipients notified |
| TBA | - | Introduction of recipients to SFUSD Board of Education |
| April 27 | - | TACT Awards Banquet at the Four Seas Restaurant, San Francisco |

Applicant's Name: _____ School: _____

Address(including zip code): _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Career Goal(s): _____ Gender: M F

Elementary School: _____ Middle School: _____

School Letter of Recommendation from: _____

Community Letter of Recommendation from: _____

1. List community service activities including, but not exclusive to, the Chinese American community that you have participated in and complete the following. List 3 of your most meaningful activities in order of importance.

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>Contact Person/Phone</u> | <u>Your Role and Activity</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Hours per week</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>i.e. Chinese Urban Youth</i> | <i>Jane Doe/415-555-0123</i> | <i>tutor children after school</i> | <i>9/08-present</i> | <i>2hrs.</i> |

A.

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2. List your school extra-curricular activities and your involvement:

| <u>Extra-Curricular Activity</u> | <u>Your Role and Involvement</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
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| <i>i.e. Ice Hockey</i> | <i>Co-Captain and team member</i> | <i>1/07-present</i> |

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Applicant's Name: _____

3. Have you received or applied for other scholarships? Please list if applicable, indicating “received” or “applied”.

4. Please check the box that applies to you:

- I qualify for the free lunch program
- I qualify for the reduced lunch program
- I don't know if I qualify
- I don't qualify

5. Please attach a personal statement of 500 words or less elaborating on the following topics:

- a) What is your family and personal background, including any unusual circumstances?
- b) How have your community service experiences that you have listed affected you?
- c) How have your family and community shaped your career goals?
- d) What do you see as your future role in the Chinese American community?

6. How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

If I am selected for a scholarship, I will attend the Awards Banquet on April 27, 2012 to receive my award.

Signature

Date

COMMUNITY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To be typed, completed and signed by a *community person outside of school (non-school staff)* who is familiar with your work in the community.

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| Applicant's Name: _____ | School: _____ |
| Name of Reference: (please print) _____ | Agency: _____ |
| E-mail _____ | Phone: _____ |
| Signature: _____ | Title: _____ |

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- How long have you known the applicant? Under what circumstances have you known him/her?
- What personal traits about the applicant impress you most and why?
- Describe the applicant's leadership qualities.
- Is there any additional information that you would like us to know about the scholarship applicant?

SCHOOL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To be typed, completed and signed by a school faculty member (i.e. teacher, counselor, or administrator).

Applicant's Name: _____ School: _____
Name of Reference: (please print) _____ Phone.: _____
E-mail: _____
Signature: _____ Title: _____

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