**2016 TACT Scholarship Awards Announcement**

**TACT Scholarship Committee**

**3138 Cabrillo Street**

**San Francisco, CA 94121**

**www.tactsf.org**

**The Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT)** invites SFUSD Chinese American high school seniors who will graduate in May 2016 to participate in its scholarship program. **TACT** will award scholarships 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 11, 2016.

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

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

**Application Requirements**: Please enclose all items below in your application packet. Do not include staples or paperclips. Packet must be **received** by Thursday, February 11, 2016. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered**.

* Completed application (including essay)
* Letter of recommendation from a school faculty member (teacher, counselor, or school
administrator)
* Letter of recommendation from a community person outside of school
* Copy of your high school transcript including Fall 2015 final grades (Spring 2015 transcript

PLUS your Fall 2015 report card is acceptable)

* Mail completed application to above address by US postal service, or put into mailbox. Do not

 send via Fed Ex or UPS.

**Timeline for the 2016 TACT Scholarship Program:**

 Feb 11 - Deadline for receiving application and requested materials

 Feb 27 - Semi-finalists and other applicants notified

 March 12 - Semi-finalists interviewed

 March 16 - Scholarship recipients notified

 April 22 - TACT Awards Banquet at Far East Restaurant, San Francisco

 TBA - Introduction of recipients to SFUSD Board of Education

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (including zip code): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Personal Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Gender: 🞎 Male 🞎Female

Elementary School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Letter of Recommendation from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Community Letter of Recommendation from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List Your Top Two College Choices: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **In order of importance, list 3 meaningful community service activities which you have participated in, that include but are not exclusive to the Chinese American community.**

Agency Contact Person/Phone Your Role and Involvement Dates Hours per week

*e.g. Chinese Urban Youth Jane Doe/415-555-0123 tutor children after school 9/08-present 2hrs*

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Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **In order of importance, list 3 of your most meaningful school-sponsored extra-curricular activities:**

Extra-Curricular Activity Your Role and Involvement Dates Hours per week

 *e.g. Ice Hockey Co-Captain and team member 1/07-present 7hrs*

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2. **Have you received or applied for other scholarships?**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ❑ Applied ❑ Received

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4. **Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch?**

❑ I qualify for *free* lunch

❑ I qualify for *reduced* lunch

❑ I don’t know if I qualify for free or reduced lunch

❑ I do not qualify for free or reduced lunch

1. **Please attach a personal statement in approximately 500 words or less addressing all of the following**

**topics:**

* Personal background and any special circumstance you would like us to know
* Community service affecting you and your career goals
* A social issue within the Chinese American community and how you would work towards a resolution

6. **How did you hear about this scholarship?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

If I am selected for a TACT scholarship, I will attend the Awards Banquet on April 22, 2016 to receive my award.

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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.**

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. How long have you known the applicant? Under what circumstances have you known him/her?
2. What personal traits about the applicant impress you most and why?
3. Describe the applicant’s leadership qualities.
4. 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 Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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