

RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program CCEAF Co-Sponsorship 2011

Background

The RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program is sponsored by Ronald McDonald House Charities, local McDonald operators, McDonald's Suppliers, business sponsors and Asian Pacific Islander community organizations. Each year, the program provides matching funds on a 1:1 basis making a total of \$100,000 scholarships possible. RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program considers, recognizes and awards students who show academic achievement, accomplishments and awards, leadership, commitment to community service, and financial need or other hardships.

The California Chinese Engineers Association Foundation (CCEAF) is proud to have been one of the co-sponsors since 2004. As a co-sponsor, CCEAF is entitled to select the award recipients it co-sponsors. A Committee consisted of CCEAF member volunteers and chaired by one of the CCEA Board of Directors is formed each year to develop the program guidelines and candidate selection criteria. A total of 29 students, who are children of CCEA members, have been awarded in the past seven years. This is the eighth year CCEAF participates in this program. Hopefully, with the support from members, CCEAF will continue to sponsor more students in the future. More information on CCEAF can be found at http://www.ccea.org/cceaf/cceaf_intro.htm.

Terms

The RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program will award \$1,000 scholarship to each qualified applicant. Recognition for the awards will be held at the RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program Awards Reception in June 2011. Scholarship funds will be paid via check directly to the school in which the award recipient enrolls, and will be applied toward the recipient's tuition, books, fees, room/board, and other appropriate educational expenses.

Eligibility

- Active CCEA members and their direct family members. Applicants whose parents have more than 2-year CCEA membership or GWCS students with more than 2-year enrollment will be considered first.
- High school seniors
- Minimum 2.7 GPA
- Less than 21 years of age
- Legal US resident
- Enroll in and attend a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university or vocational/technical school in Fall 2011

Selection Criteria

- Academic performance: points are given to applicants with GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Community service: points are given to applicants who contribute to Chinese-American

- community in particular.
- Extracurricular activities: include school activities, work and volunteer experience.
 - Leadership demonstration
 - Awards and Honors received
 - Financial hardship
 - Physically challenged
 - Personal statement/essay writing
 - Extra points are given to a Chinese version statement/essay (hand writing acceptable) in addition to an English version.

Application Requirements

- Two completed and signed application forms:
 - (1) 2011 CCEAF-RMHC Scholarship Program Application Form
(<http://cceaf.org/cceaf/2011CCEAFApplicationForm.pdf>)
 - (2) 2011 RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program Application Form
(<http://cceaf.org/cceaf/2011RMHCApplicationForm.pdf>, or go to the RMHC/ASIA application website at http://www.rmhcnc.org/docs/scholarship_asia_2011.pdf)
- The latest certified high school transcript that contains the applicant's class rank, test scores, and GPA.
- A personal statement or an essay that provides information on the applicant's Asian-Pacific background, how and what the applicant sees and knows about his/her background, community involvement, applicant's desire to contribute to promote Chinese/Asian culture and heritage, and career goals. Information about unique personal or financial circumstances may be added. Applicants are encouraged to elaborate the areas defined in the above Selection Criteria. Evaluation of the information provided in the writing will be used to award the selection points. Personal statement or an essay must not be more than a total of 1000 words and must not be more than two pages in length.
- At least one (maximum two) letter(s) of recommendation from a community leader, teacher or school official is required. The letter should detail the applicant's background, achievements, leadership abilities and community involvement.
- A current copy of the IRS Form 1040 filed by applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s)
- If applicants are in need of financial aids and/or physically challenged, please state so in the first application form and provide documents.

Note: Your application will not be considered if any of the first five (5) items is missing.

Application packages from those who are selected to be co-sponsored by CCEAF will be forwarded to RMHC U.S. Scholarship Program by CCEAF Committee.

Certification and Release

All applicants must sign both applications certifying that all information provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge and ability. Parents or guardians must sign the 2nd form at the bottom of the last page. With their signature and submission of the application, applicants also grant RMHC and McDonald's the right to use their information and their likeness for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the RMHC/ASIA Scholarship Program.

Submission of the Application

Applications must be **received** by one of the following Scholarship Committee members (Jane Zhang, William Bi, Jim Ma, Jinxing Zha) by Thursday, **December 16, 2010**. Postmark does **not** count.

By post mail: Ms. Jane Zhang, 1911 Arena Drive, Davis, CA 95618

If you have any questions, please call Jane Zhang at (530) 304-0527.