

REVISED 2022 - Rho Psi Society Youth Leadership and Service Award

Objective:

To encourage and reward outstanding Chinese American youth's commitment to leadership and community service.

Applicant Qualification:

Currently enrolled junior or senior in high school in the Greater Washington area

Selection Criteria:

A. Primary Elements [70%]

1. Contributes to the Chinese Community through leadership and service
2. Provides leadership and service in school and in general public communities
3. Actively participate in the U.S. government and society, emphasizing Chinese-American contributions to achieve equality and justice for all.

B. Secondary Elements [30%]

1. Outstanding achievements in sports, arts, music and liberal arts
2. Outstanding understanding and achievements in Chinese culture
3. Outstanding school classwork

Scholarship Awards:

1. First Place: \$2,000.00
2. Second Place: \$1,500.00
3. Third Place: \$1,000.00

Rules for Applicants to complete the application (Required Documents):

1. **Brief Description of Achievements** since the eighth grade in a chronological order
2. **Short Essay** on "What Have I Learned in My Leadership and Service Experience"; maximum of two pages double spaced in Chinese or in English.
3. **Letter(s) of Recommendation** (minimum of one recommendation letter), reflecting the elements listed in the Selection Criteria above.
4. Latest **Unofficial/Official High School Transcript**
5. **Signed Agreement**, by the applicant and parents (or guardian) for the Rho Psi Society Award Committee to verify applicant's application (if needed) and to release his/her essay to the public.
6. **Applicant's Correspondence:** e-mail address, home address and phone number.
7. Total application package should not exceed six pages (excluding School Report Card and Recommendation letter). Application package ***will not be returned.***
8. **Application Closing Date: Application package must be postmarked on or before March 16, 2022 and sent to:**
Alice Jao, 13306 Global Street, Bowie, MD 20720. (301) 464-2786 (H)
9. **Award Announcement:** Award winners will receive a notification by April 23, 2022.
10. The Rho Psi Society will host the Scholarship Award Ceremony **virtually** on Saturday, **May 7, 2022** at 1 PM EST. The Rho Psi Society will provide a link to join the ceremony prior to May 7, 2022. All awardees are required to attend the ceremony to receive their award.
11. **[Note]** Except for need-based scholarships, only one monetary scholarship will be fully awarded to students who receive awards in multiple categories.