

OCA - NEW JERSEY

“Embracing the Hopes and Aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans”

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2017 OCA-NJ Essay Scholarship Requirements

Eligibility:

- Applicant *must* be of Asian-American descent.
- Applicant *must* reside in the state of New Jersey.
- Applicant *must* be a college-bound high school senior.

Essay Criteria:

- Essay is to be two (2) pages, “double spaced” with 1 inch margins. (500-525 words) one copy of the essay must be submitted with the essay application and one copy of the essay is to be sent electronically to oca.njmembership@gmail.com

Judging Criteria:

- Essay 30%;
- Academics 15%;
- Civic Engagement 15%;
- OCA Activities 10%;
- Leadership 10%;
- Community Service 10%;
- Work Experience or Extracurricular Activities not already listed 10%;
- Application must be legible.

Submitting Procedures and Deadline:

All essays, applications and required paperwork must be postmarked by April 17, 2017.

Please mail to:

OCA-NJ Essay Scholarship
L. Ray Lee
16 Meadow Lane
Verona, NJ 07044

Awards:

Robert E. Wone Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Plus 4 year membership to OCA and complimentary invitation to the OCA-NJ Asian Pacific American Heritage Luncheon through 2021 funded by the Robert E. Wone Family.

Linda Lee Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Robert E. Wone OCA-NJ Gold Scholarship - \$1,000

OCA-New Jersey Chapter Scholarships funded by members of OCA-NJ - \$800 - \$300

Attendance at luncheon is required to be awarded the scholarships.

Scholarships will be awarded at the OCA-NJ Asian American Heritage Luncheon

Date: May 21, 2017

Note:

Place and time to be determined!

Do not put your name on the essay. Be sure your e-mail address is on the upper right hand corner of each page.

OCA-NJ 2017 Essay Scholarship Topic

Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.

A morally and civically responsible individual recognizes himself or herself as a member of a larger social fabric and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own; such an individual is willing to see the moral and civic dimensions of issues, to make and justify informed moral and civic judgments, and to take action when appropriate.

Excerpts from *Civic Responsibility and Higher Education*, edited by Thomas Ehrlich, published by Oryx Press, 2000.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

Mahatma Gandhi

For this essay, write about a specific example of civic engagement that you were involved with, and describe why you were involved, what you did, and what the result was.

Sincerely,



Laura J. Lee
President
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