

# OCA-NJ is proud to announce our ELITE Scholars Program for 2018

## Emerging Leaders In Training Excellence

This program is designed to develop confidence, leadership, and presentation skills and offers a foundation to build a successful collegiate/career path.

This program is open to all New Jersey High School Freshmen and Sophomores of Asian Pacific American descent.

Program Requirements include:

\*Minimum one year commitment (Academic Year 2018-2019) ELITE Scholars will have an opportunity to apply for a second year of advanced training.

\*Meetings/Workshops (approximately every other month)

\*Attendance at minimum of three OCA-NJ events per calendar year

\*Collectively organize and execute one civic engagement program, one fundraiser, and one service/volunteer activity (these may overlap with other requirements)

\*All ELITE Scholars must become members of OCA-NJ (Student membership \$10, Family membership for 2 adults, 2 children \$50 annual dues)

Please visit our website at [www.oca-nj.com](http://www.oca-nj.com) for more information, program requirements, and application packet. Requirements include mandatory attendance at APAY program on March 31, 2018. Application Deadline is April 27, 2018.



# **OCA - NEW JERSEY**

“Embracing the Hopes and Aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans”

## **ADVOCATE**

### **2018 OCA-NJ ELITE Scholars Requirements** *(Emerging Leaders In Training Excellence)*

#### **Eligibility:**

- Applicant *must* be of Asian-American descent.
- Applicant *must* reside in the state of New Jersey.
- Applicant *must* have signed consent from parents.
- Applicant *must* be committed to attending 80% of all seminars and 75% of all activities.

#### **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](mailto:oca.njmembership@gmail.com)

#### **Judging Criteria:**

- Essay 35%;
- APA-Y attendee 35% ( please see attached flyer);
- OCA Activities 10%;
- Civic Engagement 5%;
- Leadership 5%;
- Community Service 5%;
- Work Experience or Extracurricular Activities not already listed 5%;
- Application must be legible.

#### **Submitting Procedures and Deadline:**

All essays, applications and required paperwork must be postmarked by April 20, 2018.  
Please mail to:

**ELITE Scholars will be announced at the OCA-NJ Asian American Heritage Luncheon**

OCA-NJ ELITE Scholars  
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## OCA NJ Chapter E.L.I.T.E Scholars Program Emerging Leaders In Training Excellence Parent Consent Form

OCA NJ chapter is a state chapter of OCA, a section 501(c)(3) national civil rights advocacy and educational organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Americans of Chinese and Asian/Pacific Islander descent. OCA's goal is to embrace the hopes and aspirations of the nearly two million citizens and residents of Chinese ancestry in the United States, as well as, to better the lives of the nearly ten million Asian Pacific Americans across the country.

OCA NJ Chapter ELITE Scholars Program is a leadership training program designed to prepare qualified students to excel in their academic collegiate endeavors and beyond. This program is funded by OCA NJ who is committed to the next generation of leaders in the Asian community. Therefore, all ELITE Scholars are expected to make a commitment to the program to be considered. If your child is unable to make this commitment, or they cannot fulfill its requirements, please DO NOT have them apply, as it will be unfair to other qualified candidates in the selection process. By signing this consent form, you as parents, are responsible to hold your child accountable to the requirements of this program.

As an OCA NJ ELITE Scholar applicant, your child must attend the APA-Y program on March 31, 2018 to be considered. If selected as an ELITE Scholar, your child must attend: -The OCA NJ Asian American Heritage Luncheon on May 20, 2018 where they will be officially inducted to the ELITE Scholars Program for academic year 2018-2019. -They must attend a mandatory organizational meeting on June 2, 2018 accompanied by at least one parent.

What to Expect: Seminars will focus on building student confidence, interpersonal communication skills, presentation skills, and leadership skills. Will also include how to build your college application. Activities include community involvement, civic engagement, fund raising, social, culture and education.

**EXPLORE AAPI IDENTITY.  
BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS.  
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