



OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

Speak & Lead With Pride

Improve your public speaking and leadership skills today!

The San Mateo County Chapter of OCA is now accepting applications for its premier **Speak & Lead With Pride** program for the 2024 year! This is a hands-on course designed to teach the art of public speaking and leadership skills to Asian Pacific American high school students. Over the course of 6 weeks, participants will gain remarkable **confidence** in their public speaking and leadership abilities. The course will conclude with a *recognition ceremony and speech contest* for a \$500 scholarship prize.

- When:** Six Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, all in 2024
Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, Feb. 17th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd, & Mar. 9th
plus a **Recognition Ceremony & Speech Contest**,
on Wednesday, Mar. 13th, 6:00-9:00 PM
- Where:** Foster City Recreation Center (Mallard and Gull Rooms)
650 Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404
- Cost:** **FREE** for all students! 100% financed by OCA San Mateo

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Proof of vaccination is not required
- Facemasks/face coverings can be worn at your discretion

To learn more about OCA San Mateo and Speak & Lead With Pride, please follow the link below:

<http://www.ocasanmateo.org/youth/speakandlead/speakandlead.php>

**Deadline to Apply: Friday, January 12,
2024**

OCA is a national non-profit, non-partisan Pan-Asian advocacy group headquartered in Washington, DC that advocates for Asian Pacific American political, economic, and social justice issues as well as educates Asian Pacific Americans on the importance of civic engagement. OCA is one of the oldest national Asian Pacific American social justice organizations in the United States.



Speak & Lead With Pride 2024 Application

Applicants must be high school students who identify as being Asian Pacific American (APA)/Asian Pacific Islander (API/AAPI). **Applicants must also commit to attend all six Saturday classes plus the Recognition Ceremony and Speech Contest**, scheduled for the evening of March 13th, 2024.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Expected Graduation Date (Month, Year): _____

Application Checklist:

1. High school transcript (official or unofficial)
2. Letter of recommendation from teacher or counselor
3. Writing the required prompt listed below (no more than 1 page)

Required Prompt: *How will public speaking and leadership skills help enhance your educational, career, or personal goals?*

Applications missing any of the three above will **not** be reviewed.

Please submit all applications via the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/NvCjXvt2NmNbwQ457>

Questions? Email: smoca.speakandlead@gmail.com

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