



OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates

EMBRACING THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

Speak & Lead With Pride ***Improving Youth Public Speaking and Leadership Skills Since 2004***

Now Accepting Applications for 2025!

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 **confidence** in their public speaking and leadership abilities. The course will conclude with a *recognition ceremony and speech contest* for a \$800 scholarship prize .

When: Six Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Jan. 25th, Feb. 1st, Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th, Feb. 22nd, & Mar. 1st
plus a **Recognition Ceremony & Speech Contest**,
on Wednesday, Mar. 5th, 6:00-9:00 PM

Where: Foster City Community Center (Starboard and Port Rooms)
1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, CA, 94404

Cost: **FREE** for all students! 100%
Generously Supported by OCA San Mateo

To learn more, go to:

<https://www.ocasanmateo.org/speak-and-lead-with-pride/>

**Deadline to Apply: Friday, January 10,
2025**

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 2025 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 5th, 2025.

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/14jm5M1Nr7iHydZv6>

Questions? Email: smoca.speakandlead@gmail.com

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