

OCA SAN MATEO COUNTY CHAPTER 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants *must* meet the following criteria:

- Identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islander American;
- Be a high school student and a current resident of San Mateo County whom is able to provide proof of residency;
- Intend to enroll in a college or university in the Fall 2022 and able to provide proof of enrollment during the award process;
- Attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony on a weekend afternoon in August 2022 (TBD) and deliver a three to five minute speech during this ceremony.

If any of these above conditions are not met, or if any part of the application is incomplete or any required documents are not submitted by the deadline (*received via email by 11:59pm, Friday, June 10*), the application will be disqualified. Applicants not attending college in Fall 2022 will also be disqualified and the award will be withdrawn. *Scholarships will be deposited with the Financial Aid Office of the selected college or university.*

The following criteria will be utilized in selecting the successful applicants:

- Financial need;
- Community service and volunteerism;
- Leadership and creativity;
- Academics.

While financial need is the main consideration for the scholarships, other criteria such as community service and academic achievement will also be considered. Most of our successful applicants are among the top students in their class based on essays, as well as grades and community service.

Applicants need to complete only one application to compete for all scholarships in our program. Last year we awarded 11 scholarships and this coming year, we anticipate awarding at least 7 scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Please email ocasanmateochapter@gmail.com, Subject: **Attention: Scholarship Committee**, for more information.

Please email ocasanmateochapter@gmail.com, Subject: **Scholarship Application** to submit the application, transcript, and any other requested materials. Unfortunately, the committee is unable to respond to inquiries about whether applications meet the criteria or are complete, as submitting completed applications is the sole responsibility of the any applicants. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified.**

OCA San Mateo 2022 Scholarship Instructions

APPLICANT: Please complete and email Sections I & II *in PDF format* to the email below, and have your high school counselor complete and email Section III and a copy of your official transcript to the email address below. All applications must be received by email no later than **11:59 pm PT, Friday, June 10, 2022**. Your counselor must also attach a copy of your official transcript. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified.**

We anticipate notifying applicants of the status of their applications in early June 2022 to the email address provided on the application (*please note: we will not be responding to status inquiries beforehand*). Applicants not accepting their awards within 5 calendar days of notification by e-mail will be disqualified.

COUNSELOR: Please send the following to the email address below by 11:59 pm PT on Friday, June 10, 2022:

- 1) a copy of the applicant's official transcript;
- 2) Section III with applicable parts completed.

Thank you.

Email applications to:

ocasanmateochapter@gmail.com
SUBJECT: Scholarship Application

SECTION I

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Age _____

High School _____ Grade Level _____

Intended Occupation or Area of Study

Intended College Choice _____

Father's (or Guardian) Full Name:

Home Address:

Father's Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Title: _____

Mother's (or Guardian) Full Name:

Home Address:

Mother's Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Title: _____

Gross Annual Household Income: Please check the appropriate range:

Less than \$45,00 _____ \$45,000 – 80,000 _____ \$80,000-\$120,000 _____ \$120,000-\$150,000
_____ Over \$150,000

Family

Sisters: Number _____ Ages: _____ Brothers: Number _____ Ages: _____

SECTION II

- **Essays**

Each essay should not exceed 500 words, and *each page* must include: (1) your full name; (2) essay title; and (3) page numbers if needed. Please answer the following question on a separate piece of paper.

- As a member of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community, what are some of the issues in this country that are personally or educationally/professionally relevant to you and how are these related to or impact your future (personal, educational, professional) planning?

Please answer **one** of the following three questions on another sheet of paper:

- What critical contributions have Asian and Pacific Islander Americans added to the fabric of this country?
- What field of interest are you contemplating to enter upon college graduation and how did you come to choose this area of interest? Please share any personal story or experience that led you to pursue this area of interest.

II. Other Activities

Please list the following (use attachments as necessary):

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (including any offices held):

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates of Service:</u>
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AWARDS:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job Description</u>	<u>Length of Employment</u>	<u>Hours/week</u>
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OTHER INTERESTS, HOBBIES and TALENTS (please list and describe):

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES (Optional): Report any unusual circumstances (including financial need or SAT/ACT scores, if available, that might enhance a lower GPA) that have affected your school activities, work experience, or achievement in school.

I, _____, hereby certify the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the essays are my own work. I understand that all information is subject to verification.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

SECTION III
For Counselor Completion

Applicant Name:

To the Counselor: Please: (1) attach a copy of the applicant's official transcript; (2) complete the sections below if applicable; (3) email this Section III and the official transcript to: ocasanmateochapter@gmail.com; SUBJECT: Scholarship Application. Thank you.

I, _____, hereby certify that the above applicant currently has a GPA of _____ on a _____ point scale and a **weighted GPA** of _____ on a _____ point scale. If the school uses student ranking, the applicant is ranked _____ out of a class of _____ and has a combined (Critical Reading/Math/Writing) SAT/ACT score of _____ (if available). The applicant is of good academic standing, and will graduate with the senior class on _____ Date.

Name of Counselor

Date _____

School: _____

Phone number and extension at school: _____

Counselor's school email address: _____