

HOUSE OF CHINA 2012 VIRGINIA HOM FUNG MEMORIAL YOUTH CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1995, the House of China (HOC) has awarded scholarships each year to San Diego County youths, 18 years of age or younger, currently enrolled in one of local Chinese language schools e.g. Chinese School of San Diego, San Diego Chinese Academy, San Diego Yet-Sen Chinese School, SDCCA North County Chinese School, Hua-Xia., San Diego China Center and Chinese Institute. There are three groups: beginning, intermediate and advanced, based on recommendations by teachers.

The HOC is a non-profit cultural and education organization founded in 1935 and is located in Balboa Park. The purpose of the HOC is to preserve, present and promote Chinese culture, friendship and understanding. HOC is open on every Sunday afternoon, and seasonal and special events are held throughout the year.

The late Ms Virginia Hom Fung was a dedicated HOC officer whose passion was Chinese culture and its advancement. The scholarships are awarded in her memory.

INSTRUCTIONS: Application forms will be available on February 17th in each Chinese school. Essays shall be submitted in hand-written Chinese (English version can be used for supplementary contents). Please do not write student's name on the essay. One application form and four copies of essay should be mailed to Grace Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego CA 92131 with postmark **no later than April 16th, 2012**. Ms Seid can be reached at 858-578-1282(h) or togepi911@gmail.com .

The theme of the essay is **MY FAVORITE MOVIES(S) AND/OR TV PROGRAM(S)** for the beginner and intermediate groups. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria: 1. Descriptions of the movie(s) and/or TV program(s), 2. Why they are interesting to you and 3. How they affect you. The third item is optional.

MY FAVORITE BOOK(S) for the advanced group. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria: 1. Descriptions of the book(s), 2. Why they are your favorite book(s), and 3. How the book(s) affect you and 4. Conclusions.

Each winner, winner's parents, teacher, and a representative from each Chinese school will be guests at a recognition ceremony during a luncheon at Chinese Bilingual Pre-School at 5075 Ruffin Road, San Diego. San Diego, on Saturday, June 2nd, 2012. Winners' essays and pictures will appear in HOC Newsletter, and local newspapers.

The criteria to determine three groups:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Chinese school</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
The beginning:	<=5 th grade	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
The intermediate:	6-9 th grade	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
The advanced:	>=10 th grade	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00