

HOUSE OF CHINA

2019 VIRGINIA HOM FUNG MEMORIAL YOUTH CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Since 1995, House of China (HOC) has awarded scholarships annually to San Diego County youths, 18 years of age and younger, who are currently enrolled in one of local certified Chinese language schools. 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. There are three groups: beginning, intermediate and advanced (see below). The maximum number of submissions in each group from each Chinese school is set at 30.

Rules and regulations:

1. Applicants must be registered in local certified Chinese schools.
2. Essay must be submitted in original hand writing format on 8.5 x 11 (A4) standard size paper. Application form will be available on February 15th in each Chinese school.
3. When submitting the essay, in addition to the original copy, each student must include 3 additional copies and the application form. (English version can be accepted for supplementary contents, but not required). Please do not include student's name, grade and name of school on essay.
4. The essay packet must be **mailed** to:
Grace Seid, 12002 Rue Des Amis, San Diego CA 92131 with postmark **no later than April 12, 2019, Friday**. Ms. Grace Seid can be reached at 858-232-1030 and togepi911@gmail.com. No email submission will be accepted.

The topic of the essay is '**If I were...**' for all three groups.

Evaluations and suggested guidelines of essay are as follows:

1. Description of what you wish to be.
2. Reasons of your choice of this person or object.
- 3 How this person or object would affect you.
4. Conclusion.

Items 1 and 2 for the beginning group. Items 1-3 for the intermediate group. Items 1-4 for the advanced group.

Each winner, winner's parents, teacher, and a representative from each Chinese school are guests at the award ceremony on **Saturday, June 8, 2019**. Winners' essays and pictures will appear in HOC Newsletter, and local newspapers.

The criteria of each group:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Chinese school</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Beginners:	<=4 th grade	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Intermediate:	5-8 th grade	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Advanced:	>=9 th grade	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00