

2024 - Rho Psi Society Youth Leadership and Service Award

Objective:

To encourage and reward outstanding Chinese American youth's commitment to leadership and community service.

Applicant Qualification:

Currently enrolled junior or senior in high school in the Greater Washington area

Selection Criteria:

A. Primary Elements [70%]

1. Contributes to the Chinese Community through leadership and service
2. Provides leadership and service in school and in general public communities
3. Actively participates in the U.S. government and society, emphasizing Chinese-American contributions to achieve equality and justice for all.

B. Secondary Elements [30%]

1. Outstanding achievements in sports, arts, music and liberal arts
2. Outstanding understanding and achievements in Chinese culture
3. Outstanding school classwork

Scholarship Awards:

1. First Place: \$2,000.00
2. Second Place: \$1,500.00
3. Third Place: \$1,000.00

Rules for Applicants to complete the application (Required Documents):

1. **Brief Description of Achievements** since the eighth grade in a chronological order
2. **Short Essay** on "What Have I Learned in My Leadership and Service Experience"; maximum of two pages double spaced in Chinese or in English. (please also include your Chinese name)
3. **Letter(s) of Recommendation** (minimum of one recommendation letter), reflecting the elements listed in the Selection Criteria above.
4. Latest **Unofficial/Official High School Transcript**
5. **Signed Agreement**, by the applicant and parents (or guardian) for the Rho Psi Society Award Committee to verify applicant's application (if needed) and to release his/her essay to the public.
6. **Applicant's Correspondence:** e-mail address, home address and phone number.
7. Total application package should not exceed six pages (excluding School Report Card and Recommendation letter). Application package ***will not be returned.***
8. **Application Closing Date: Application package must be postmarked on or before February 29, 2024 and sent to:**
Alice Jao, 13306 Global Street, Bowie, MD 20720. (301) 464-2786 (H)
9. **Award Announcement:** Award winners will receive a notification by April 24, 2024.
10. **Award Ceremony** will be held on Saturday **May 4, 2024 at 10AM EST** at Culture Center of TECRO, 901 Wind River Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, and Tel: 301-869-8585. All awardees are required to attend the ceremony to receive their award.
11. **【Note】** First place winners of this scholarship are not permitted to apply again in subsequent years. Except for need-based scholarships, only one monetary scholarship will be fully awarded to students who receive awards in multiple categories.