



## SAN DIEGO CHINESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

#### SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarships will be awarded in June 2024 to selected outstanding students of Chinese descent who are graduating from high schools in San Diego County.

Two types of scholarships are available, based upon the post-secondary degree sought:

- A one-time \$1,500 scholarship for use at a four-year university or college toward a baccalaureate degree (BA or BS)
- A one-time \$1,000 scholarship for use at a two-year community college or vocational program toward an associate degree (AA or AS) or certificate

The total number of scholarships to be awarded will depend on availability of funding and the number of deserving applicants.

Application materials must be emailed (PDF or scans) **by Sunday, March 31, 2024**. E-mail to: [SDCWA.10@gmail.com](mailto:SDCWA.10@gmail.com) with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship Application 2024.

More information about the San Diego Chinese Women's Association and a copy of this scholarship application can be found online at: <http://sdcwa.net/scholarships/>

#### SECTION II - ELIGIBILITY

Open to both male and female students, applicants must be:

- A. at least one-quarter Chinese descent; and,
  - B. graduating from a San Diego County high school no later than end of academic year 2023-2024 (typically, June 2024); and,
  - C. If applying for the \$1,500 four-year university/college scholarship:
    - Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5/weighted; and, have immediate plans for attendance at a four-year university or college.
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- Or, if applying for the \$1,000 community college/vocational program scholarship:
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5/weighted; and, have immediate plans for attendance at a two-year community college or vocational program.



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### SECTION III - SUBMISSION

#### 1. Application Form

Complete the Application Form on page 5 of this document. All submissions must be in English.

#### 2. Extracurricular Activities

On a page separate from the Application Form, describe your participation in any of the following forms of extracurricular activities. Please explain if there are any extenuating circumstances such as employment or family duties and responsibilities that prevented your involvement in any of these activities.

- Chinese Cultural Activities
- Sports
- Volunteer Involvement
- Any Other Extracurricular Activities

DO NOT include your name on this section.

#### 3. Essay (length: maximum two pages, typed and double-spaced)

On pages separate from the Application Form, respond to the following prompt:

##### **ESSAY TOPIC: The mission of the San Diego Chinese Women's Association:**

- To promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the Chinese culture, including Chinese history, art, literature, customs, and traditions
- To assist and support other charitable organizations which provide relief and services to the Chinese community in particular, and to other groups as the membership decides
- To encourage the pursuit of higher education by members of the Chinese community through scholarship awards

**Essay Description** - How has your academic and personal journey embodied the SDCWA mission? Please provide specific examples in your essay.

DO NOT include your name on this section.



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### **4. Letter of Recommendation**

Submit one personal recommendation letter from a teacher, school counselor, principal, mentor or employer. The recommendation can describe your character, interpersonal relationships, skills/talents or other reasons why you deserve the scholarship. The person making the recommendation must include his/her name, position/title and contact information.

This letter must be submitted SEPARATELY from your application materials and sent directly from the person making the recommendation via email to: [SDCWA.10@gmail.com](mailto:SDCWA.10@gmail.com) with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship 2024 - Letter of Recommendation.

### **5. Official High School Transcript**

Submit an official transcript from your high school(s), which includes your grades from the first semester of your senior year. Inclusion of SAT/ACT scores is optional.

### **6. Additional Questions (OPTIONAL)**

On a page separate from the Application Form, please answer these questions.

1. Are there extenuating financial challenges that you will face while attending college?
2. What measures have you taken to address your financial challenges?

### **7. FAFSA Student Aid Report (OPTIONAL)**

Please submit a copy of your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Student Aid Report showing the Student Aid Index (SAI) value.

### **8. Permission to Release Identity**

Complete and sign the form on page 6 of this document.



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**DEADLINE:** Your application must be received by **Sunday, March 31, 2024**. Review application guidelines carefully; check that your application is complete and all required material is submitted on time.

- \_\_\_ 1. Application form
- \_\_\_ 2. Extracurricular activities (*Do not include your name on this section*)
- \_\_\_ 3. Essay (*Do not include your name on this section*)
- \_\_\_ 4. Letter of recommendation (**must be** sent separately)
- \_\_\_ 5. Official Transcript
- \_\_\_ 6. Additional Questions (optional)
- \_\_\_ 7. Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report (optional)
- \_\_\_ 8. Signed and dated permission to release identity form

**Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline of March 31, 2024 will not be reviewed.** The application and all required material should be sent to: [SDCWA.10@gmail.com](mailto:SDCWA.10@gmail.com) (with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship Application 2024).

If you have questions, please submit in a separate email addressed to the Scholarship Committee at [SDCWA.10@gmail.com](mailto:SDCWA.10@gmail.com) (with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship Application 2024 Questions).



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**2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Scholarship for (choose one):  4-year university/college  
 2-year community college/vocational program

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage Chinese descent \_\_\_\_\_

Explain/describe your Chinese lineage \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians'

Names \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ or GPA (Cumulative weighted) \_\_\_\_\_

Best SAT/ACT score (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact at school if you are selected

Contact's Title: Counselor  Teacher  Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your employment experience (check all that apply):

part-time during school year  part-time summer job  full-time summer job

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information I have provided in this scholarship application is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Applicant Signature



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**PERMISSION TO RELEASE RECIPIENT'S IDENTITY**

The names of scholarship recipients, their parents/guardians, and schools may be identified in print and electronic media (SDCWA website and Facebook page) to announce results of this competition. Please check the appropriate spaces, and sign below. If under age 18 years, a parent/guardian signature is required.

Note, award of scholarship is not based on the elections made on this form.

I agree to be recognized in SDCWA publicity materials: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I agree to release my parents' names in SDCWA publicity materials: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date