

**MAY LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
MARIN CHINESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
2024**

**PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

The May Lee Memorial Scholarship Award provides a **\$1,000 cash scholarship** to recognize a well-qualified MCCA high school or college student who demonstrates:

- a commitment to community and community service
- academic achievement, and
- leadership potential

Marin Chinese Cultural Association (MCCA), located in Marin County, California, the scholarship sponsor, is a non-profit 501c(3) whose mission is to promote the understanding, appreciation, and preservation of all aspects of Chinese culture, including the language, history, customs, music, art, and cuisine of the Chinese and Chinese-American people.

This scholarship is underwritten by the Marin Chinese Cultural Association (MCCA).

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Membership:** Applicant must have been a member of the Marin Chinese Cultural Association (MCCA) for at least one year prior to application. Applicant must be either a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen with a registration card or equivalent documentation.

**School Enrollment:** Applicant must attend an accredited or state-approved high school, follow a state-sanctioned high-school equivalent independent education program, or be enrolled in an undergraduate academic program leading to a degree.

**Community Commitment/Responsibility:** Applicant must have a clear and consistent history of one or more of the following:

- (1) volunteer work benefitting individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, or schools;
- (2) work for pay necessitated by financial need.

**Achievement:** Applicant must demonstrate strong academic achievement and/or show motivation, perseverance, and interest in academic success.

**Leadership:** Applicant should have a history of leadership in their personal, community, and/or academic life.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All applicants are required to complete an MCCA Award application, which includes

- a personal statement
- a transcript, and
- two letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, or work supervisors.

Email your application and all supporting documents to the MCCA Scholarship Committee ([scholarships@marinchineseculture.com](mailto:scholarships@marinchineseculture.com)).

Notes:

- We will accept recommendation letters written for other purposes – as long as they reflect qualities sought in the award.
- You may also provide recommendations from MCCA members with whom you have worked directly (ie: Lion Dance coaches, County Fair Food Booth managers, etc.)

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications must be received by **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Completed applications (including digitized versions of all supporting documents) should be emailed to [scholarships@marinchineseculture.com](mailto:scholarships@marinchineseculture.com) for receipt by the due date.

## **AWARD PROCEDURE**

A committee of MCCA Board Members will screen applications, and one scholarship will be awarded. Awards will be presented at our annual **MCCA Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS**

Please contact MCCA Scholarship Committee chair Amy Jonak at [ajonak2@gmail.com](mailto:ajonak2@gmail.com) or (415) 378-7760.

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Marin Chinese Cultural Association

2024 Application Form

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Email application and all attachments to: [scholarships@marinchineseculture.com](mailto:scholarships@marinchineseculture.com)

## Applicant information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If no, immigration status: \_\_\_\_\_ Alien registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Action/Community Service

Current organizations/activities (List up to 3; may be in-school or community-based):

1) Organization # Years

Nature of involvement

2) Organization # Years

Nature of involvement

3) Organization # Years

Nature of involvement

## Required Essay, Transcript, and 2 Recommendation Letters

1. Please attach a **one-page essay** describing your academic and career goals, as well as your engagement in or goals for community involvement.
2. Please attach a copy of your school transcript.
3. Please attach **two letters of recommendation** from teachers, coaches, or work supervisors that describe your involvement in community action or service.