

**MAY LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
MARIN CHINESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
2023**

PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The May Lee Memorial Scholarship Award provides a **\$1000 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.

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).

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, January 27th, 2023**. Completed applications (including digitized versions of all supporting documents) should be emailed to 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 Sunday, February 5th, 2023**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

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

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Marin Chinese Cultural Association

2023 Application Form

Application deadline: **Friday, January 27th, 2023**

Email application and all attachments to: 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.