

RODNEY CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
MARIN CHINESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
2026

PURPOSE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- an interest in and commitment to Chinese/Asian culture
- academic achievement
- community service, 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.

Yet Wah Restaurant, in San Rafael, is a co-sponsor of this scholarship.

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.

Chinese/Asian Literacy: Applicant must demonstrate an interest in and commitment to Asian culture through active engagement in formal study of language, fine arts, performing arts, martial arts, or history.

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, as opportunity allows.

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, February 20th, 2026**. 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 the annual **MCCA Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, March 7th, 2026**.

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

2026 Application Form

Application deadline: **Friday, February 20th, 2026**

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 #: _____

Chinese/Asian Literacy

Past/Current Studies (Include language, fine arts, performing arts, martial arts, and/or history programs):

Course Years Grades Earned

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Future/Planned Studies:

Enrolled Major Year of Expected Graduation

Planned Chinese language, fine arts, performing arts, martial arts, and/or history courses

Required Essay, Transcript, and 2 Recommendation Letters

1. Please attach a **one-page essay** describing your career objectives or study interests, and their relationship to Chinese language and/or culture.
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 interest in Chinese language and/or culture.