

CHINESE PROFESSIONAL CLUB



Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2421, Stafford, TX 77497-2421
Web site: www.cpchouston.com

2008-2009

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Chinese Professional Club Scholarship Fund will award a minimum of 10 scholarships in 2008-2009. The amount of each scholarship will range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Applicants will be evaluated by their scholastic achievements, leadership qualities, writing proficiencies, and a personal interview for semi-finalists. Up to 4 awards are designated for applicants with demonstrated financial needs. One award is designated for applicants who are interested in a career in teaching elementary or secondary schools.

To qualify, an applicant must:

1. be a student of Chinese descent (minimum 1/4) who is a resident of (or whose parent or guardian resides in) the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area, and is currently enrolled in an accredited high school or secondary school with plans to graduate by June, 2009 (For Education Award only: applicants may be enrolled in a Texas University in the first year of College of Education.) **AND**
2. begin full time undergraduate studies in an accredited college, university, or an institution of higher learning in the United States in the fall of 2009.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

	<u>Academic Awards</u>	<u>Financial Aid Awards</u>	<u>Education Award</u>
Scholarship	50%	35%	20%
Leadership	30%	15%	30%
Essays	20%	10%	50%
Financial Need	N/A	40%	N/A

A group of **semi-finalists** will be selected from the applicant pool for a **mandatory personal interview with the CPC Scholarship Committee in January, 2009**. Evaluation criteria for the final round will be 70% based on the scores from the written application, and 30% based on the personal interview. Winners will be notified by mail, and the awards will be presented at the Chinese Professional Club's Scholarship Ball in February, 2009. All awardees shall agree to be in attendance at the Scholarship Ball to receive the award and recognition. Scholarship funds will be sent to the recipient's designated college or university in August, 2009, for direct credit to his/her student account upon verification of full-time enrollment status.

Applicants must complete ALL information, and submit ALL supporting materials, requested on the application form. **Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.** Send application form and all supporting materials to:

Peter Leung, Chair
CPC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2421
Stafford, TX 77497-2421

Application(s), including all supporting materials and letters of recommendation, must be *POSTMARKED* by November 1, 2008

Check list for the application package:

1. An application form with all blanks completed. All applicants will be considered for the academic awards. Applicants interested in the Education Award, and/or the Financial Aid Awards, must check the appropriate boxes) on the upper right hand corner of the form.
2. A complete set of official transcripts from all high schools attended, SAT, PSAT, and/or ACT scores.
3. A list of your academic honors, awards, and scholarships with dates.
4. A list of your extracurricular activities and personal initiatives. Describe your degree of involvement and positions of leadership in each activity.
5. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a teacher or counselor, sent directly to the Chair of the CPC Scholarship Committee.
6. Two essays on separate pages. Remember, the Scholarship Committee is interested in your ideas as well as your style and presentation. Each essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, contains between 300 to 500 words, and addresses a topic from each of the following categories:
 - a. "Yourself and Your Aspirations."
 - b.
 - i. Being a Chinese-American Living In The United States, OR
 - ii. "A Person Who, Or An Event That, Has Had The Greatest Influence On Your Life."

Essay topics for Education Award applicants only:

- a) Why are you interested in teaching primary & secondary schools as your career? **AND**
 - b) What would you do to inspire students who are not quite interested in schooling to learn?
(Also, make sure you checked the line for Education Award on the application form.)
7. Financial Aid Award applicants must submit a completed Confidential Parents' Financial Statement and the parents' most recent year's income tax return. Also, make sure you checked the line for Financial Aid Award on the application form. To qualify for financial aid considerations, the applicant's family income must not exceed 300% of the current poverty guidelines as published by the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Poverty guidelines are posted on our Web site at www.cpchouston.com.

Students with specific inquiries about the application process may contact Peter Leung, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, at 713-431-7650.

Persons interested in the CPC or the scholarship program may contact Dr. James Tang, President of CPC, at 281-955-0115.

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Education Award

Financial Aid Award

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM For Academic Year 2008-2009

All applicants are considered for Academic Awards. If you are interested in additional considerations based on financial need, and/or your interest in pursuing a career in the field of education, please check the appropriate box(es) in the upper right-hand corner of this form, and submit the appropriate supporting materials with this application.

(Please type or print, use additional pages if necessary.)

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

SSN: _____ Chinese Name (optional): _____

2. Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ e-mail address (optional): _____

3. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

4. List all high schools attended and dates: _____

5. Attach a complete set of official transcripts from all high schools attended, SAT, PSAT, and/or ACT scores.

GPA: _____ Grading Scale (must be provided): _____

Rank in Class: _____ Number in Class: _____

Scores: SAT Writing: _____ Date Taken: _____

SAT Verbal: _____ Date Taken: _____

SAT Math: _____ Date Taken: _____

PSAT: _____ Date Taken: _____

ACT: _____ Date Taken: _____

6. On a separate page, please list your academic honors, awards, and scholarships with dates.

7. On a separate page, please list your extracurricular activities and personal initiatives. Describe your degree of involvement and positions of leadership in each activity.

8. List the two persons from whom you have requested letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a teacher or counselor). Recommendation letters should be sent directly to the CPC Scholarship Committee:

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

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9. Please submit two essays on separate pages. Each essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, contains between 300 to 500 words, and addresses a topic from each of the following categories:
- a. Yourself and Your Aspirations.
 - i. (Essay topic for Education Award applicants is “Why I Am Interested In Education As My Career.”)
 - b.
 - i. Being a Chinese-American living in the United States, **OR**
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10. Please provide names of parents and grandparents. Provide Chinese names where applicable.

_____/_____ Father	_____/_____ Mother
_____/_____ Paternal Grandfather	_____/_____ Maternal Grandfather
_____/_____ Paternal Grandmother	_____/_____ Maternal Grandmother

11. Are you or your parents a CURRENT CPC member? Yes No

I certify that I am of Chinese descent (minimum ¼) and that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Send the completed application package to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications, including all supporting materials and letters of recommendation, must be

***POSTMARKED* by November 1, 2008**

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CONFIDENTIAL PARENTS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(for financial aid** applicants only)

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle

All applicants are considered for the Academic Awards. Financial Aid applicants must complete this form and submit with a copy of parents' most recent year's income tax return. This information will be held in strict confidence.

1. Applicant's Employer: _____
Employer's Address: _____
Annual Salary: \$ _____
2. Father's Occupation: _____
Employed by: _____
Employer's Address: _____
Annual Salary: \$ _____
3. Mother's Occupation: _____
Employed by: _____
Employer's Address: _____
Annual Salary: \$ _____
4. Business(es) Owned: Name: _____
Annual Income: \$ _____
5. Other Income
 - a. Annual interest, dividends, and annuity income: \$ _____
 - b. Social Security and pension income: \$ _____
6. Family Assets (attach additional sheet if necessary):
 - a. Do you own your home? _____ Yes _____ No
Assessed value: \$ _____
Amount owed: \$ _____
 - b. Other real estate: \$ _____
Assessed value: \$ _____
 - c. Automobile(s):
Year, Make & Model: _____
Year, Make & Model: _____
Year, Make & Model: _____
 - d. Type and value of stocks, bonds and mutual funds owned: _____

 - c. Type and value of annuities owned: _____
 - f. Savings & checking account balance (average): \$ _____
 - g. Certificates of deposit: \$ _____
 - h. Insurance: Type: _____ Amount: \$ _____
 - i. Other assets (explain) : _____
Value: \$ _____

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7. Family Expenses (annual):
Housing: \$ _____
Utilities: \$ _____
Food: \$ _____
Educational: \$ _____
Medical: \$ _____
Auto expenses: \$ _____
Insurance: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____
Total Annual Expenses: \$ _____

8. Number and ages of all children in the family:

9. Explain reasons for financial need:

I certify that all information submitted in support of this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____
Applicant _____
Date

Signature: _____
Parent (or Guardian) _____
Printed Name

_____ _____
Phone numbers (Work & Home) Date

Signature: _____
Parent (or Guardian) _____
Printed Name

_____ _____
Phone numbers (Work & Home) Date

** To qualify for financial aid considerations, applicant's family income must be under 300% of the current poverty guidelines as published by the Bureau of Vital Statistics.