



## **2020 National Essay Competition**

### **Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Through its 40+ year history, thousands of high school students across the nation have participated in the Alliance's National Essay Contest. The essay contest is intended to foster creative thinking and self-expression and encourage an awareness of current local and world events. Top placing finishers receive cash scholarship towards their education endeavors. This annual contest is open to any student enrolled in high school (grades 9-12). No entry fee required. Participants are given either 90 minutes (laptop users) or 2 hours (Blue Book users) to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words on a contemporary topic concerning the Chinese and Asian American communities. The essay topic is given at the time of the contest. Participants will have the opportunity to bring and use their laptop computer to compose their essay. All other participants will be given a Blue Book and pen to compose their essay.

**This year's contest will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**



## Chinese American Citizens Alliance National Essay Contest

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance sponsors this essay contest to provide a forum for expression by high school youths who will be the future leaders of the United States.

Date, time:	Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10:00am to 11:30 am. (laptop participants) or 12:00 pm. (Blue Book participants).
Location:	Asian Health & Service Center 9035 SE Foster Rd Portland, OR 97266-4617
Eligibility:	Open to students attending high school in Oregon or Clark County (State of Washington) or its related equivalent. This essay contest is open to all students regardless of their ancestry.
Requirements:	Participants in the Contest are to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words, at their Chinese American Citizens Alliance Lodge or a location designated by the Lodge on a subject regarding the Chinese in the United States. The exact essay topic will be announced at the time of the contest.
Judging:	An impartial board of judges will be selected by the sponsor to judge the winners. Each essay will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of thought, and expression. The decision of the judges on all matters submitted and their interpretation of the rules will be final, conclusive, and binding on all contestants.
Scholarship awards:	First Prize: \$1,000.00 and Certificate Second Prize: \$700.00 and Certificate Third Prize: \$500.00 and Certificate 10 Awards of Merit: \$100.00 and Certificate

All entry forms must be completed and postmarked no later than **March 2, 2020** and mailed to:  
*C.A.C.A. Essay Contest, Portland, 2211 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, #103, Portland, OR 97201*  
More information and applications are available on our website: [www.cacaportland.com](http://www.cacaportland.com)



## **Chinese American Citizens Alliance National Essay Contest Application**

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Name

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Chinese name (optional)

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Street Address

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City, State, and zip code

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Telephone

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E-mail address

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School Name and grade level

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Name of parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Method of participation: \_\_\_\_\_ Blue Book \_\_\_\_\_ Laptop Computer

**Entrants must bring their own laptop computers if they want to participate with a computer.**

As a condition of entering the contest, the essays submitted by all contestants shall become the property of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, National Lodge and the local lodges for the use and publication as the lodges may see fit without the consent of or remuneration of any kind to the contestants.