



OCA SACRAMENTO
Asian Pacific American Advocates

"Light the Torch for the Next Generation"

Youth and College Essay Contest

TOPIC:

"Why is it important for Asian Pacific Islander Americans to vote and participate in civic engagement?"

POSTMARK DEADLINE: April 27, 2016 at 5:00PM

email to Maricel Avelino: maricelba79@gmail.com

When emailing your essay entry, please title the subject "OCA Essay Entry," and pdf format or word only.

All winners will be notified by phone at least a week before the event, and will be awarded during the program of the

2016 OCA Sacramento Dragon Boat Festival

May 12, 2016 | 5:30pm to 9:00pm Gala

DoubleTree by Hilton

2001 Point West Way | Sacramento, CA 95815

Winners MUST be present at the Dragon Boat Festival to receive their awards. Otherwise, the award is forfeited.

Who can enter the Essay Writing Contest? Candidates must reside within the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area: Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, Yuba, Sutter, El Dorado, and San Joaquin counties.
Applicants must meet age requirements between 5 to 22 years of age.

Essay Writing Contest Rules

For 5 to 10 Years of Age: Submit an essay writing of 150 words on the topic.
For 11 to 15 Years of Age: Submit an essay writing of 400 words on the topic.
For 16 to 18 Years of Age: Submit an essay writing of 700 words on the topic.
For 19 to 22 Years of Age: Submit an essay writing of 1,000 words on the topic.

All candidates must submit the essay writing in English language (handwritten or type)

Candidates must write their name, age, and contact number (mailing address, email, and phone number) on the upper right hand corner of your paper. (Information will only be used for the purpose of announcing winners or verification.). Include your parents name for ages 5 to 8 years old. 4th Division open only to full time enrolled college students ages 19 to 22.

How will your Essay Writing be judged?

A panel of judges will evaluate the essays as follows: Relevance to the topic = 70% | Creativity = 20% | Grammar = 10%
(Please note that the judges will evaluate your essay based on your writing, and names will be concealed to their view).

Divisions & Prizes:	1st Place	2nd Place
1st Division: Ages 5-10	\$200	\$100
2nd Division: Ages 11-15	\$300	\$150
3rd Division: Ages 16-18	\$400	\$200
4th Division: Ages 19-22	\$500	\$300

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