

全美中文學校聯合總會

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS (NCACLS)

P. O. Box 2136, Walnut CA 91789

HAI-HWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESSAY CONTEST ON CHINESE HISTORY AND CULTURE

January 31, 2002

Dear Student: Please type or print the information requested below and obtain the signatures of the Principal of your Chinese language School and your parent or guardian.

Name: _____
Last First Middle (Chinese)

Home Address: _____
Street
_____ City State Zip

Telephone: (_____) - _____ E-mail: _____

Grade (Public School): _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Chinese Language School Attended (中、英文): _____

Principal Name (中、英文) and Address: _____

City State Zip

Telephone: (_____) - _____ E-mail: _____

School Enrollment Verification: Please have the Principal of your Chinese Language School verify your current status of the school enrollment.

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please mail this form with your essay by **April 29, 2002** To

**NCACLS
P. O. Box 2136
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Photocopies of the form are acceptable.**

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Sponsored by HAI-HWA Cultural foundation, Republic of China

NCACLS announces its essay contest on Chinese History and culture for senior high school students (grades 9-11) and junior high school students (grades 6-8). The contest is being offered to encourage every high school student who is attending a Chinese language school to learn more about Chinese history and culture, to become aware of ethnic diversity around the world, and to appreciate his/her own cultural heritage.

The essay must be original work which may be written either in Chinese for no more than two thousand characters or typed, double-spaced, in English for no more than five pages on 8.5" X 11" white paper with **your name on the back of each page**. Chinese essays must be handwritten on the provided form, starting from right to left and top to bottom; feel free to make additional copies of this form if needed. **Do NOT fold or staple your essay. The essay must be submitted with a signed official application form.** The essay will be judged by NCACLS and will not be returned.

Topics for **Senior Groups**: choose one of the following three topics:

(1) **The spirit of science in Chinese culture**

In its long and enduring history, Chinese had several major inventions that had influenced many critical scientific development in the West. Please express your thoughts on success and/or failure of further development of science (medicine, math, and engineering) in Chinese history.

(2) **The most memorable book about Chinese (or Chinese Book)**

Please articulate the ideas why this book is so memorable and important to you in certain aspects of your life or your learning the Chinese language and its heritage.

(3) **How I use computer to advance my Chinese Learning**

Please express your personal (excited/frustrated) experience on learning Chinese (language or history) via computer or computer networks and explore advanced technology for further learning of Chinese.

Topics for **Junior Groups**: Choose one of the following three topics:

(1) **The spirit of democracy in Chinese culture**

Please describe and explore the traces and thoughts of democratic spirit in long enduring Chinese history (stories) and cultural events. You can cite evidence in recent election held in Taiwan.

(2) **My most enjoyable Chinese festival**

Please tell us about the history behind your most enjoyable Chinese festival, such as dragon boat race, moon cake, and red-envelop ritual, on personal or shared beliefs, feelings, and experience.

(3) The best teacher in my Chinese school

Please share with us your appreciation and respect to teacher who taught, guided, and devoted to you while you started learning the Chinese language and history in your Chinese school.

Scholarship Awards (Awards for both Chinese and English submissions):

Senior Groups (grades 9-11)

First Place (1)----\$600.00 Cash Scholarship
Second Place (1)----\$300.00 Cash Scholarship
Third Place (1)----\$150.00 Cash Scholarship
Fourth Place (5)----\$80.00 Cash Scholarship
Honorable Mention Award (20)----\$20.00 Cash Scholarship

Junior Groups (grades 6-8)

First Place (1)----\$300.00 Cash Scholarship
Second Place (1)----\$150.00 Cash Scholarship
Third Place (1)----\$80.00 Cash Scholarship
Fourth Place (5)----\$40.00 Cash Scholarship
Honorable Mention Award (20)----\$15.00 Cash Scholarship

Each winner will receive an Award Certificate.

Winners of scholarship awards will be announced by July 15, 2002

Please mail your essay together with the application form to:

NCACLS
P. O. Box 2136
Walnut, CA 91789
(909) 594-7942

P.S. If you need to be notified that we have received your essay, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. We will send you notification immediately after we have received it.