

**HOUSE OF CHINA  
2010 VIRGINIA HOM FUNG MEMORIAL  
YOUTH CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Since 1995, the House of China (HOC) has awarded scholarships each year to San Diego County youths, 18 years of age or younger, currently enrolled in one of seven Chinese language schools: Chinese School of San Diego, San Diego Chinese Academy, San Diego Yet-Sen Chinese School, SDCCA North County Chinese School, Hua-Xia., San Diego China Center and Chinese Institute and San Diego American Chinese School. There are three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced, based on recommendations by teachers.

The HOC is a non-profit cultural and education organization founded in 1935 and is located in Balboa Park. The purpose of the HOC is to preserve, present and promote Chinese culture, friendship and understanding. HOC is open on every Sunday afternoon, and seasonal and special events are held throughout the year.

The late Ms Virginia Hom Fung was a dedicated HOC officer whose passion was Chinese culture and its advancement. The scholarships are awarded in her memory.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Essays shall be submitted in hand-written Chinese (English version can be used for supplementary contents). Please do not write student's name on the essay. One application form and four copies of essay should be mailed to Julia Chiang, 4963 Riding Ridge Road, SD CA 92130 with postmark **no later than April 17th, 2010**. Ms Chiang can be reached at 858-259-7565(h) or [JuliaChiang88@gmail.com](mailto:JuliaChiang88@gmail.com) .

The theme of the essay is **THE MOST FUN PLACE(S) I HAVE BEEN** for the beginner group. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria: 1. Descriptions of the places(s), and 2. Why do you think these places are fun? and 3. How did your experience affect you? The third item is optional.

**SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINESE AND AMERICAN CULTURE** for intermediate and advance groups. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria: 1. Relationship among family members (including distant relatives), 2. Interaction with teachers and schoolmates, 3. Dealings with friends and neighbors, and 4. Overall evaluation. The 4th item applies only to the advanced group.

Each winner, winner's parents, teacher, and a representative from each Chinese school will be guests at a recognition ceremony during a Dragon Boat Reception at China Max on Saturday, June 8th, 2009. Winners' essays and pictures will appear in HOC Newsletter, and local newspapers.

The criteria to determine three groups:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Grades in Chinese School abroad</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>Currently in local Chinese school</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
The beginner:	<=1st grade	or	<=5 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
The intermediate:	2nd grade	or	6-9 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
The advanced:	>=3rd grade	or	s>=10th grade	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00

Whichever is more advanced.