

Rho Psi Society Chinese Pre-Teens/Teens English Public Speaking Scholarship Program
– **2024 DMV Chinese Pre-teens/Teens English Public Speaking Contest**
- Sponsored by the Iota Chapter of the Rho Psi Society (www.rhopsi.org)

Objective:

The objective of this scholarship is to recognize and showcase pre-teens and teens of Chinese heritage residing at DMV region for their extraordinary talents, efforts, and accomplishments through **English public speaking**.

Applicant Qualification:

- All Chinese American students or legally resident in the Greater Washington, D.C. area, which encompasses Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia (DMV) are eligible to apply and enter the competition for this scholarship.

Selection Criteria:

- The Rho Psi Society will appoint a group of judges as the Evaluation Committee to evaluate each applicant and his/her English public speaking performance. The main criteria of performance include **Content, Delivery, Language, Potential Impact, etc.**
- **Conflict of Interest:** When the situation arises that a judge was/is a teacher/coach of the contestant or is related to the contestant, (1) both the contestant and the judge shall promptly disclose this fact during competition/judging and (2) the judge shall not participate in the evaluation of said contestant.

Application, Competition, Award Ceremony, and Publication of Submitted Videos:

Application:

- The deadline for application is **January 21, 2024 (Sunday)**.
- The 2024 application form (in Word or PDF) can be downloaded from www.rhopsi.org.
- Complete the **2-page application form** and **E-MAIL** the filled form to Dr. C.J. George Chang at gchang2012@yahoo.com. **Each applicant and one of applicant's parents (or legal guardian) must sign the application form.** The applicant must provide an e-mail address, mailing address(es), and telephone number(s) for communication purpose.

Competition: The competition is to be conducted in **two stages:**

- In the **first stage**, the applicants will receive by **January 28, 2024 (Sunday)** through an email **the 2 themes of speech competition** and specific related instructions. Applicants are to **choose their own speech topics (2) within the scope of those 2 specified themes** and shall send **videos (one each for the 2 speeches; 4 min each; contestant is disqualified if any speech is over 4 min)** by **February 18, 2024 (Sunday)** to Dr. C.J. George Chang through **WeChat** (gchang2016wc) or **LINE** (gchangline2015) **ONLY**. [Subject **"2024 RP-EPS"**, contestant's **full English name**, and **Age group (A, B, or C)** in the message heading]. (We do NOT accept weblinks when submitting speech videos.)
- In the **second stage**, the **finalists (10)** of the first stage (**notified by an e-mail**) of each age category will be notified by **March 10, 2024 (Sunday)** with our **final round of speech theme (1)**. Finalists are to **choose their own speech topic (1) within the scope of that theme** and submit **one video for a 4.5-min speech (contestant is disqualified if that**

speech is over 4.5 min) for the final round of competition due on **March 17, 2024 (Sunday)** through **WeChat or LINE to Dr. Chang.** (We do NOT accept weblinks when submitting speech videos.)

Scholarship awardees (contest winners) will be informed individually through an email around **April 20, 2024 (Sunday).**

Award Ceremony

- The in-person award ceremony will be held on **May 4, 2024 (Saturday) at 10 am at Gaithersburg, MD,** and **all scholarship awardees are required to attend.** The scholarship certificates and award checks will be mailed out to scholarship awardees afterward.

Publishing of Scholarship Awardees' Videos on Rho Psi Society webpage (www.rhopsi.org)

- By applicant's and/or applicant's guardian's application signature, the applicant agrees to grant **the Rho Psi Society** the right to publish applicant contest videos at the Rho Psi's official Website or other chosen news media, together with the name of the scholarship winner and his/her accomplishments.
- The application package and videos submitted ***will NOT be returned.***

Scholarship Awards for each of the age groups are in four (4) categories:

Each applicant may choose only one (1) of the following age groups:

- **Group A: 8 - 10 years old (your age on 1/1/24)**
 - First Place (1): **\$350**
 - Second Place (1): **\$250**
 - Third Place (1): **\$200**
 - Honorable Mention (4): **\$150**
- **Group B: 11 - 14 years old (your age on 1/1/24)**
 - First Place (1): **\$500**
 - Second Place (1): **\$400**
 - Third Place (1): **\$300**
 - Honorable Mention (4): **\$200**
- **Group C: 15 - 18 years old (your age on 1/1/24)**
 - First Place (1): **\$700**
 - Second Place (1): **\$500**
 - Third Place (1): **\$400**
 - Honorable Mention (4): **\$250**

As Rho Psi Society offers multiple types of scholarship each year, **you are welcome to apply and compete for multiple types of scholarship each year.** Please note that if you win more than one type of scholarship in the same year, you will receive multiple winning scholarship certificates for the types of scholarship that you win. **The monetary award that you will receive is the one having the highest dollar amount among all those types of scholarship that you win in the same year.**

Q&A: C.J. George Chang gchang2012@yahoo.com, [gchang2016wc](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029va303755030303030303) (WeChat), or [gchangline2015](https://line.me/tv/channel/00000000000000000000000000000000) (LINE). Dr. Chang is the coordinator and **NOT** a judge for the contest.

- For 2021 RhoPsi Public Speaking Scholarship Winners Video and Honorable Judges
http://rhopsi.org/files/2021-publicSpeaking_winners.pdf
- For 2022 RhoPsi Public Speaking Scholarship Winners Videos and Honorable Judges
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XSgCzIYdIH67muXJUn0RcjVesmNu3AEc/view?usp=sharing>
- For 2023 RhoPsi Public Speaking Scholarship Winners Videos and Honorable Judges
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