

Rho Psi Society Chinese Teens English Public Speaking Scholarship Award
– 2020 Chinese Teens English Public Speaking Competition
- Sponsored by the Iota Chapter of the Rho Psi Society www.RhoPsi.org

Objective:

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

Applicant Qualification:

- All Chinese American students who are legal residents in the Greater Washington, D.C. area, which encompasses Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia, are eligible to apply and enter the competition for this scholarship.
- Winners will be obligated to attend the award ceremony, NO exception. Winners must accept their awards **in person with a 1-min winning speech**; failure to do that may cause their award to be forfeited. The award ceremony will be held on **Saturday, May 9 starting at 2 pm** at the **Culture Center of TECRO**, 901 Wind River Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878; (301) 869-8585. (*This venue is subject to change; see Rho Psi Society webpage for update & announcement*).

Selection Criteria:

- The Rho Psi Society will appoint a group of judges as the Evaluation Committee to evaluate each applicant and his/her performance. The performances are evaluated as follows:
 - **Content (speech messages)**
 - **Originality**
 - **Creativity**
 - **Techniques**
 - **Overall Presentation**
- **Conflict of Interest:** When the situation arises that a judge was/is a teacher of the applicant or is related to the applicant, (1) both the applicant and the judge shall promptly disclose this fact during in-person competition and (2) the judge shall not participate in the evaluation of said applicant.

Rules for Application, Competition, and Award Ceremony:

Application

- The deadline for application is **February 28, 2020 (Friday)**.
- The application form can be downloaded from www.RhoPsi.org.
- Complete the **2-page application form** and send it **via e-mail** 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 his/her e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number(s).

Competition:

- The competition is conducted in the following **two stages**.

- In the **first stage**, the applicants will receive through an email 2 topic themes of speech and specific instructions. Each applicants shall send **2 video clips (2 speeches; 3-4 min each; contestant is disqualified if any speech is over 4 min)** of his/hers **via e-mail** by **March 20, 2020** to **Dr. C.J. George Chang** at **gchang2012@yahoo.com** [**specifying “2020 Rho Psi Public Speaking”, applicant’s Chinese and full English names, and Age group (A or B) in the email heading**].
- In the **second stage**, the **winners (10)** of the first stage (**notified by e-mail**) will be notified by **April 12, 2020** and meet for the final round of **In-Person Competition on April 19, 2020 1-6 pm (Sunday, Gaithersburg, MD)**. The details will be announced in a later date. The contestant needs to present a different speech in front of the judge panel.
- All winners will be announced at the end of the competition day (4/19/20).

Award Ceremony

- The Award Ceremony will take place on **May 9, 2020 (Saturday 2 pm; Gaithersburg, MD)**; **Scholarship winners are required to be present to receive awards; a 1-min award speech is required.**

Note from Rho Psi Society

- Applicants agree to grant **the Rho Psi Society** the right to publish the competition information, applicant-submitted video clips, and the video recording during in-person competition on the Rho Psi’s official Website and other official media regarding the names of the applicants and their accomplishments in the Rho Psi Scholarship Program.
- The application package and video clips submitted ***will not be returned.***

Scholarship Awards in four (4) categories:

Each applicant may choose only one (1) of the following 2 age groups:

- **Group A: 10 - 14 years old (as of 2/28/20)**
 - First Place (1): \$800
 - Second Place (2): \$600
 - Third Place (2): \$400
 - Honorable Mention (3): \$200
- **Group B: 15 - 18 years old (High Schoolers) (as of 2/28/20)**
 - First Place (1): \$1,000
 - Second Place (2): \$800
 - Third Place (2): \$600
 - Honorable Mention (3): \$400

Q&A: C.J. George Chang **gchang2012@yahoo.com** (coordinator; NOT a judge for this scholarship competition).