

Rho Psi Society Chinese Pre-Teens/Teens English Public Speaking Scholarship Program
– **2023 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 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, 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 16, 2023 (Monday)**.
- The 2023 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 conducted in the following **two stages**:

- In the **first stage**, the applicants will receive by **January 29, 2023 (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 scopes of those 2 themes** and shall send **2 videos (for each of the 2 speeches; 4 min each; contestant is disqualified if any speech is over 4 min)** by **February 19, 2023 (Sunday)** to Dr. C.J. George Chang through **WeChat** (gchang2016wc) or **LINE** (gchangline2015) **ONLY**. [Subject **"2023 RP-PS"**, contestant's **full English name**, and **Age group (A, B, or C)** in the message heading].
- 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 12, 2023 (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 should submit **one video for a 4.5-min speech (contestant is disqualified if**

