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**

that speech is over 4.5 min) for the final round of competition due on March 19, 2023 (Sunday) through WeChat or LINE to Dr. Chang.

Scholarship awardees (contest winners) will be informed individually through an email around April 16, 2023 (Sunday).

Award Ceremony

• The in-person award ceremony will be held on May 6, 2023 (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 3 age groups:

Group A: 8 - 10 years old (your age on 1/1/23)
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 1/1/23)

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 1/1/23)

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 types 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** (WeChat), or **gchangline2015** (LINE). Dr. Chang is the coordinator and **NOT** a judge for this scholarship competition.

- 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