

2018 RIACA Scholarship

Rhode Island Association of Chinese Americans

The Rhode Island Association of Chinese Americans (RIACA) is proud to announce the “**2018 RIACA Scholarship**”, to be awarded to high school senior students in RI and southern MA who show excellence in academic excellence, leadership, community service, and understanding of Chinese culture and heritage. Priority is given to students who show great interest in Chinese culture and heritage and provide services to the local Chinese community. Up to \$3,000 will be awarded to each “RIACA Scholarship” recipient in the spring of 2018 through a competitive application process.

1. Who are eligible for the “RIACA Scholarship”?

High school senior students who belong to the Chinese ethnic groups and students with Chinese heritage are eligible for the Scholarship. At the time of application, an applicant must be a legal RI resident or a legal MA resident with RIACA membership.

2. How many awards and what amount of each scholarship will be given?

For the year of 2018, we anticipate about 5 or 6 scholarships will be awarded. The actual number will depend on the number of applications and the availability of the fund. Each award recipient is expected to receive up to \$3,000 scholarship.

3. What is the procedure for winning the scholarship?

Each applicant should submit an application package before the application deadline (Jan. 15, 2018). The application package should include: official transcripts and SAT/ACT score report, an essay stating why you deserve this scholarship, 1 teachers’ recommendation letter, 1 endorsement from a RIACA member, and a brief resume. **All application materials must be in a single PDF file.**

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic excellence
- Extra curriculum activities and leadership skills
- Essay
- Teachers’ recommendation letter
- Community services
- Interview
- Participation in RIACA social activities
- Participation in Chinese language school, Chinese culture club, or similar activities
- Special talents: awards or recognitions locally, nationally, or internationally

“Outside the Box”: This is a special category for those students, who show outstanding talents or achievements that have broader impacts in the community.

4. When should I apply for the scholarship?

Dec. 15, 2017:	Application form and other materials become available online.
Jan. 1, 2018:	Start to accept applications
Jan. 15, 2018:	Application deadline
Jan. 27, 2018:	Application evaluation
Feb. 10, 2018:	Interview process and announcement of winners
April, 2017:	Award ceremony

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