

WVCLS Scholarship Announcement and Descriptions

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the WVCLS Scholarship is to make a lasting and significant impact on WVCLS student(s) in motivating them to continue to learn Cantonese, pursue higher education, and to perform community service through voluntarism, leadership, and research. The School has established the Scholarship Fund to provide money directly to the student to cover some expenses while attending an institute of higher learning.

WVCLS is a non-profit Cantonese-based Chinese language-learning school in Santa Clara County. The School has been in operation for over 50 years. Scholarships are awarded to those college-bound, high school juniors and seniors within our student body who demonstrate proficiency – both academic and social – in their Cantonese-Chinese language abilities and who contribute positively and significantly to their schools and community. The scholarship is not need-based, but rather recognizes a student's merit, potential, and/or superior extracurricular activities (i.e. leadership, community service, etc.). Each 2014-2015 Scholarship award is \$1,000.

TIMELINE: Applications for the 2014-2015 year must be postmarked, or received by WVCLS via email, by March 31, 2015. Winner(s) will be announced at the end of the academic school year, May 29, 2015.

APPLICANT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Current WVCLS student and has been at the School for a minimum of two years
- Be a high school junior/senior during the 2014-2015 academic year
- Be college-bound and be able to show proof of acceptance to an accredited college (applicable to seniors only)
- Reside in Santa Clara County, San Mateo County or Alameda County, California
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:

- Anyone not on the official WVCLS Registrar student list at the end of the academic year
- Anyone not planning to attend a U.S. college, university, or higher education institution beyond K-12
- Children of current WVCLS Scholarship committee members, unless the member has abstained from the selection process
- Prior winners of the WVCLS scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Download the form "WVCLS 2014-2015 Scholarship Application" from the WVCLS website at www.wvcls.org/scholarship.
- Complete all parts of the application. *Incomplete applications will be rejected. Points will also be deducted for not following instructions for any part of the application.*
- Submit the completed application with all supporting pages/document via email or mail to WVCLS by the deadline. *See instructions in "SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE" later in this document.*
- Upon receipt of the application, an email confirmation will be sent to the "student email" address submitted in the application.
- An official high school transcript for GPA verification MAY be requested after receipt of the application.
- An in-person interview (conducted in Cantonese) of each applicant with members of the WVCLS Scholarship Committee will be scheduled during April - May.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE:

- Application material can be submitted electronically to wvcls.principal@yahoo.com.
- Alternatively, a paper copy can be mailed to:
Scholarship Committee
West Valley Chinese Language School
P.O. Box 2383
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Please note that the application and all supporting pages/documents must be included in one packet. Do not staple or use paperclips. Double-sided printing is preferred for paper copy.

- **Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked, or received by WVCLS via email, by March 31, 2015. *No exceptions.*

AWARDS:

- Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in May.
- For the 2014-2015 awards, recipient(s) must attend the scholarship award presentation during the WVCLS commencement and promotion ceremony on May 29, 2015 in order to receive their awards.
- The decision of the scholarship committee is final.

Thank you for your interest in promoting Chinese language education by participating in this contest.

WVCLS 2014-2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

Application Deadline: March 31, 2015

Part 1: Applicant Information *(Please type or print legibly)*

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Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Date of Birth

Current WVCLS Grade

Number of Years at WVCLS

Home Address (post office box is not acceptable)

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Evening phone

Student Email

Name of High School

High School grade level

Parent's/Guardian's First and Last Name

Parent Email

1) _____ 2) _____

Education institutions you hope to attend in the fall or plan to attend within two years

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

* All information provided in the application will be held confidential. Please ensure that all application information is correct; incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified in May. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. WVCLS reserves the right to publish personal statement responses of all awardees in their entirety or in parts in School publications. Questions about the application and/or process can be directed to the WVCLS Scholarship Committee.

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Part 2: List other achievements and activities *(Please type or print legibly)*

A. Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, Internships, and/or Employment

Activity / Description	Year(s)	Total # of hrs.	What position (if any) do you hold?

B. Awards and Honors

Description	Type	Date Received

C. Your High School GPA (unweighted): _____

If needed, add extra sheets for any section. On each extra sheet, please include your name in the top left corner and number the pages.

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Part 3: Community Services and Extracurricular Activities *(Please type or print legibly)*

In order of importance to you, what are your top 3 achievements? You may include community service projects, school projects, employment, and awards or honors. Briefly explain why each activity is important to you and what you have learnt from it.

Part 4: Personal Statement

Please share your views on the relevancy and impact on learning Cantonese in your life, education, and/or pursuit of professional success. *(You may elect to submit your response in one of the following ways: (1) Write or type a 200-word (minimum) essay in Traditional Chinese, (2) Submit between 6 -12 PowerPoint presentation slides. Text must be in Traditional Chinese. Be prepared to talk through your slides during the in-person interview in April/May, (3) Any other communication medium of your choice. Note that audio or video entries must be in Cantonese and at least 3 minutes long).*

If needed, add extra sheets for any section. On each extra sheet, please include your name in the top corner and number the pages.