

# 2019 Chicago Chinese Youth Leadership Award Program

Hosted by CAAGC

The Chicago Chinese Youth Leadership Award (CCYLA) program is in the 8th year now. Following the great tradition, the CCYLA committee of Chinese-American Association at Greater Chicago (CAAGC) launches its 2019 CCYLA program. The CCYLA program recognizes and honors high school students who have

1. demonstrated leadership skills
2. shown commitments on leadership positions that require a significant amount of time, energy, enthusiasm, effort, and thought
3. created positive change within an organization and/or within the Chinese-American communities
4. positively impacted the quality of life of others.

## Leadership Criteria

Candidate should demonstrate one or more of the following:

- ◆ Creation of special projects or programs aimed at improving school, local, and global communities.
- ◆ Leadership Position: The student candidate has played a leadership role in a student organization or community service activities.
- ◆ Community volunteer service: The student candidate has an outstanding community volunteer service record.
- ◆ Interest and passion in leadership: The student candidate has demonstrated initiative, motivation, and potential for continued student leadership.
- ◆ Leadership skills: The student candidate has demonstrated outstanding innovation and leadership in extracurricular activities, and has taken others to new paths of endeavor.
- ◆ The student candidate has helped fostering an atmosphere of inclusiveness and serves as a role model to empower those around him/her.
- ◆ The student has demonstrated independent leadership of community service initiatives either in or outside school.

- ◆ Demonstrated passion and consistent involvement in serving local Chinese communities.

## Eligibility

Chinese heritage, Junior or Senior in high school, Good academic standing  
GPA > 3.5/4.0

## Application Procedure

1. Complete the online application at <http://youth.caagc.org/>
2. Complete the application documents below:
  - ❖ Applicant's resume or curriculum vita (2 pages maximum)
  - ❖ At least two reference letters from applicant's teachers, current school faculty members, supervisors, Chinese community leaders, or anyone who can speak on the impacts of the applicant made on others.
  - ❖ Choose one of the local Chinese schools listed in this document or any CAAGC member organization leaders as the applicant's nominator. The applicant is not required to be a student of the Chinese schools or a member of the nominator's organization.
3. Send an email with the application documents to your nominating Chinese school principle or the leader of the nominating local Chinese community organization and CC to [youth\\_award@caagc.org](mailto:youth_award@caagc.org) by the end of January 31, 2019. The contact information (email/ phone) of the local Chinese community organization must be enclosed.

## Verification of Eligibility

Nominating schools or nominating local Chinese organizations will review all their submissions to make sure that they meet the CCYLA requirements defined in this document. CCYLA program committee members will conduct the final review of the submissions.

## Selection of Finalist Process & Schedule

1. Each local Chinese school principle or leader of local Chinese community organization can nominate up to 5 candidates from their applicants by February 1, 2019.
2. CCYLA program committee's independent review panel will select 10 finalists from all candidates.

3. The 10 finalists will be interviewed by the independent panel members to decide up to 5 final winners.
4. Award ceremony will be held on Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration Gala 2019 in February 8th. All nominees are invited to present on the ceremony.
5. Refer to official website <http://youth.caagc.org> to get all updated information.

## Award

1. Candidate students nominated by local Chinese schools or organizations, completed all required application documents on time but not entered top ten finalist, will receive certificates of CCYLA nominees.
2. Candidate students who are in top 10 finalist but not in winner list will be issued award merit award certificate with fine award gifts.
3. Candidate students who are in the winner list will be issued distinction award certificate with higher lever award gifts.
4. All candidates are invited to attend the award ceremony banquet.

## Chicago Chinese Youth Leadership Award Program Committee

**Chair:** Dr. Xian-He Sun

**Secretary:** Simon Hao ([youth\\_award@caagc.org](mailto:youth_award@caagc.org))

**Members:** Zheng Zheng, Dr. Xingwu Wang, Dr. Wenqi Luan, Dr. Hong Liu, Jeongling Liu, Qing Chen, Kun Liang

**Independent Review Panel:** Anonymous individual members

**Working team:** Simon Hao, Norman He, Yan Wang, Chang Li, Wang Xinhua

## Sponsorship

CAAGC is the main sponsor of this program. All schools, local communities, companies and individuals are welcomed to join us a sponsorship of this program. Your help is fundamental for this program to be successful.

Sponsorships and donations will be acknowledged, and the fund will be used fully for award prizes, program cost, and award ceremony banquet.

Contact [youth\\_award@caagc.org](mailto:youth_award@caagc.org) for any questions.