



SAN DIEGO CHINESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Scholarships will be awarded in June 2026 to selected outstanding students of Chinese descent who are graduating from high schools in San Diego County.

Two types of scholarships are available, based upon the post-secondary degree sought:

- A one-time scholarship for use at a four-year university or college toward a baccalaureate degree (BA or BS)
- A one-time scholarship for use at a two-year community college or vocational program toward an associate degree (AA or AS) or certificate

The total number of scholarships to be awarded will depend on availability of funding and the number of deserving applicants.

Application materials must be emailed (PDF or scans) **by Saturday, March 28, 2026**. E-mail to: SDCWA.10@gmail.com with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship Application 2026.

More information about the San Diego Chinese Women's Association and a copy of this scholarship application can be found online at: <http://sdcwa.net/scholarships/>

SECTION II – ELIGIBILITY

Open to both male and female students, applicants must be:

- A. at least one-quarter Chinese descent; and,
- B. graduating from a San Diego County high school no later than end of academic year 2025-2026 (typically, June 2026); and,
- C. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0/Weighted.

SECTION III – SUBMISSION

1. Application Form

Complete the Application Form on page 4 of this document. All submissions must be in English.

2. Extracurricular Activities

On a page separate from the Application Form, describe your participation in any of the following forms of extracurricular activities: volunteer, sports, Chinese Cultural activities. Please explain if there are any extenuating circumstances such as employment or family duties and responsibilities that prevented your involvement in any of these activities.



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The mission of the San Diego Chinese Women's Association:

- To promote public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the Chinese culture, including Chinese history, art, literature, customs, and traditions
- To assist and support other charitable organizations which provide relief and services to the Chinese community in particular, and to other groups as the membership decides
- To encourage the pursuit of higher education by members of the Chinese community through scholarship awards

3. Essay Format: **Maximum two pages 500 words, typed and double-spaced;
12 pt. Times New Roman with one-inch margins;
file format PDF saved as Last Name, First Name**

Essay Prompt:

Every family has a story of courage, sacrifice, and hope rooted in immigration. We invite you to share your personal or family immigrant story by reflecting on the motivations, challenges, and dreams that shaped this journey, and how has that experience influenced who you are today?

In addition, please describe the Chinese traditions, cultural values, or practices that you continue to honor or hope to pass on. Whether through language, food, celebrations, or values such as perseverance and respect for family, share what you believe is important for others to understand about your Chinese heritage and how it has shaped your identity and aspirations.

4. Letter of Recommendation

Submit one personal recommendation letter from a teacher, school counselor, principal, mentor or employer. The recommendation can describe your character, interpersonal relationships, skills/talents or other reasons why you deserve the scholarship. The person making the recommendation must include his/her name, position/title and contact information.

This letter must be submitted **SEPARATELY** from your application materials and **sent directly from the person making the recommendation** via email to: SDCWA.10@gmail.com with subject line: **SDCWA Scholarship 2026 – Letter of Recommendation.**

5. Official High School Transcript

Submit an official transcript from your high school(s), which includes your grades from the first semester of your senior year. Inclusion of SAT/ACT scores is optional.



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6. PERMISSION TO RELEASE RECIPIENT'S IDENTITY

The names of scholarship recipients, their parents/guardians, and schools may be identified in print and electronic media (SDCWA website and Facebook page) to announce results of this competition. Please check the appropriate spaces, and sign below. If under age 18 years, a parent/guardian signature is required.

Note, award of scholarship is not based on the elections made on this form.

I agree to be recognized in SDCWA publicity materials: Yes ____ No ____

I agree to release my parents' names in SDCWA publicity materials: Yes ____ No ____

Student Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

DEADLINE: Your application must be received by **Saturday, March 28, 2026.**

Review application guidelines carefully; check off all six components of your application package, and have all required material submitted on time.

- ___ 1. Application form
- ___ 2. Extracurricular activities
- ___ 3. Essay
- ___ 4. Letter of recommendation (*must be sent separately*)
- ___ 5. Official Transcript
- ___ 6. Signed and dated permission to release identity form

Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline of March 28, 2026 will not be reviewed. Please send your application package to: SDCWA.10@gmail.com (with subject line: **SDCWA Scholarship Application 2026**).

If you have questions, please submit in a separate email addressed to the Scholarship Committee at SDCWA.10@gmail.com (with subject line: SDCWA Scholarship Application 2026 Questions).



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Application Form

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Percentage Chinese descent _____

Explain/describe your Chinese lineage _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

GPA _____ or GPA (Cumulative weighted) _____

Best SAT/ACT score (Optional) _____

High School _____

School Address _____

Person to contact at school if you are selected

Contact's Title: Counselor ____ Teacher ____ Other: (specify) _____

Contact's phone (____) _____ Email _____

Your employment experience (check all that apply):

__part-time during school year __ part-time summer job __full-time summer job

Scholarship for (choose one): ____4-year university/college

____ 2-year community college/vocational program

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information I have provided in this scholarship application is accurate.

Student Applicant Signature _____

Date _____