Growing Up Asian in America

STUDENT ART, ESSAY & VIDEO CONTEST • $20,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

2016 CONTEST THEME: GIVE SOMEONE A GOLD MEDAL

Entry Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2016

In celebration of the 2016 Olympics to be held in Rio de Janeiro this summer, we invite you to think about one person in your life you would honor with a gold medal. Who would you honor—whether in your family, school or community—and why?

PRIZES
- 3 ESSAY and 3 ART winners from each grade category will win $1,000 in cash and prizes.
- Up to 3 VIDEO winners will win iPad minis and have their videos featured online.

IDEAS FOR YOUR ENTRY

Use the following questions to help spark your creativity. You do not have to answer any of the questions below as long as your entry addresses the theme, and is about being Asian or Pacific Islander and American.

- Is there someone you look up to, such as a role model? Who is it, and why?
- What would the honor of the gold medal be for? What does this person do that is extraordinary or special to you?
- What does giving someone a gold medal mean to you?
- What would the gold medal look like? What symbols or emblems would be illustrated in the medal, and why are they significant?
- How would you present your gold medal?
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

• Students of all backgrounds including Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, other Asian, Pacific Islander and multiracial ethnicities are invited to submit entries.

• You must be in grade K through 12.

• You must live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano or Sonoma County.

• If you have won in previous years, you cannot submit an entry unless you are in a different grade/entry category now. The three grade categories are grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The entry categories are Art, Essay and Video.

• Contestants cannot win a prize in more than one category (e.g. Art and Essay).

• Children of contest judges or screeners are ineligible to submit entries.

Winning entries are selected based on creativity, originality and skill in the category. Winners are notified by the end April. Awards will be presented at a ceremony on May 7, 2016 at the Asian Art Museum. Must be present to win.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Art (K-12)
Format: MUST BE 8-1/2” x 11”
Materials and Media: Anything two-dimensional. All paints, crayons, colored pencils, markers, photographs, computer generated graphics etc. are accepted. No sculptures or pop-ups, please.

Essay or Poem (K-12)
Format: 8-1/2” x 11” paper, 12 pt. font size.
Length: 500 words MAXIMUM. Hand-written essays accepted. Please print or write on one side only.

Video (6-12)
Only 6-12th grade contestants are eligible to submit video entries.
Format: Videos must be 1 minute MAXIMUM. 300MB (size) max. Video files must be in .avi, .mov, or .wmv.

GENERAL
You may send one entry in each category (e.g. one piece of writing and one piece of art, one video--if in 6-12th Grade). We will not accept more than one entry per category. Art is judged separately from essays and poems, so please do not submit an entry that combines writing with art. Each entry must have a complete entry form.

Growing Up Asian in America is a program of the Asian Pacific Fund and was started in 1995 as one of the largest youth celebrations of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the nation.

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Asian Pacific Fund at (415) 395-9985 x500 or e-mail contest@asianpacificfund.org. More information on Growing Up Asian in America is available online at www.asianpacificfund.org or www.nbcbayarea.com, search “Growing Up.”

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