

The Joint Chinese College Alumni Association of Southern U.S.A.



The JCCAA Political/ Public Policy Scholarship

Purpose: To encourage and inspire college students and graduate school students to pursue a political career in government and public policy.

Criteria: Eligible applicants must be students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or a graduate program at an accredited college or university. Students who have received JCCAA scholarships in this same category twice in the past are not eligible to apply. Applicants must either:

1. have already been offered, or be in the process of applying for, a position of an intern for at least six weeks in spring 2012, summer 2012 or fall 2012 at the office of any U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressman, Texas State Senator, Texas State Representative, or Houston City Councilmember; or
2. be interested in and committed to an intern position as described above which is created for the recipient of this scholarship by JCCAA in cooperation with other organization(s).

The scholarship recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Passion and dedication to pursue a political career in public policy and government;
2. Past engagement and future plans in political activities;
3. Superior communication skills with flawless English writing and speaking capability;
4. Good leadership and people skill with maturity in dealing with diverse constituents;
5. Academic excellence; and
6. Demonstrated ability to understand Chinese culture and to communicate and work with the Chinese American community.

Finalist(s) for the scholarship will be interviewed by the JCCAA scholarship committee.

Application: Applicants must submit to the JCCAA the following documents:

1. An application form and an essay in English of 500 words or less as described in the form (attached);
2. A college transcript covering all his/her undergraduate and graduate work, if applicable, that has been completed thus far;
3. If the applicant has already been offered (or is in the process of applying for) an intern position at a Congressional, State, or Houston City Council office, submit a copy of the offering letter (or the application package that was submitted to that office); and
4. Any additional material, not to exceed five pages, that the applicant wishes to submit in order to establish his/her qualification for this scholarship

Amount: The JCCAA intends to award scholarship in the amount of \$2000 each to up to two qualified applicants in 2012. This is going to be paid to cover the expenses to support his/her internship work. This scholarship does not preclude the candidate from accepting any other scholarships or financial aids.

Obligations: The JCCAA is a well established, scholarship awarding organization in Houston area since 1987. This Political Scholarship in Government and Public Policy is a high honor and expected to be acknowledged in the recipient's all future reference. The recipient has the obligation to complete the internship in good standing and obtain a confirmation letter of such status from the hiring office. Upon the receipt of a copy of the confirmation letter, a check of \$2,000 will be mailed to the scholarship recipient.

Timeline: Applications to this JCCAA scholarship, **postmarked no later than March 5, 2012**, must be mailed to: JCCAA Scholarship Committee, 723 Winston Lane, Sugar Land, Texas 77479. Scholarship recipients will be announced by early May, and honored at the Scholarship Award Banquet on June 23, 2012.

Contacts and Questions: Email to Frank Cheng fcheng49@yahoo.com. 281-919-9576

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Application Form
The JCCAA Political/ Public Policy Scholarship

Send the completed Application Form and required documents postmarked no later than March 5, 2012 to:

The JCCAA Scholarship Committee
723 Winston Lane
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Please send an email notice to fcheng49@yahoo.com upon mailing the application via surface mail.

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____ (Chinese Name, if any: _____)

Home Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

_____ Gender: ___M ___F

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

College Name: _____ Yrs. Attended: _____

Major in: _____ Degree Earned: _____

College Name: _____ Yrs. Attended: _____

Major in: _____ Degree Earned: _____

Father's Name: _____ (Chinese Name, if any: _____) JCCAA Member*: Yes/No

Mother's Name: _____ (Chinese Name, if any: _____) JCCAA Member*: Yes/No

The Congressional, State, or City Council office you plan to work as an intern: _____

_____. Time period: _____

Please attach an essay in English of 500 words or less addressing the following questions:

1. The reasons why you are interested in the internship.
2. Previous work experience or volunteer work relating to political activities, government or public policy.
3. Given a choice, what do you see as an ideal career path for you in the next ten years?

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

All information provided with this application will be kept strictly confidential. All documents and materials submitted with this application will not be returned.

* For information only