



**Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York  
announces:**

**2026 Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York  
Essay Competition  
for all 9th to 12th grade students**

**Saturday March 21, 2026 1:00 PM  
21 Pell Street, New York, NY**

**The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) invites any student enrolled in 9th to 12th grades to participate in the 2026 Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York Essay Competition.**

This essay writing contest, sponsored by CACAGNY, encourages students to think and write about current issues regarding Chinese Americans. This year's contest will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2026**. Students will write for 90 minutes (on a self-supplied laptop or 2 hours by hand in a CACAGNY-provided bluebook, without researching or consulting others) on the topic given at the start of the contest. The awards include \$1,000 for the first prize. There is no fee to participate. See prior CACAGNY Essay Competitions webpages for [2025](#), [2020](#), [2019](#), [2018](#), and [2017](#).

CACAGNY will conduct the contest in-person.

Registration closes **March 18, 2026, 5:00 pm**. Register online [here](#) (or <https://tinyurl.com/CACAGNYEssay2026>).

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is the oldest civil rights organization dedicated to the advocacy of Chinese Americans. CACAGNY, its New York chapter, continues this tradition spanning over 120 years to empower and enhance the future of Chinese Americans. Further information on the mission and accomplishments on CACAGNY is available on [www.cacagny.org](http://www.cacagny.org).

Major points:

- Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/CACAGNYEssay2026>.
- Registration closes March 18, 2026, 5:00 pm.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before the contest begins.
- Additional info will be emailed upon registration. Contact for any questions: [cacagny.essay@gmail.com](mailto:cacagny.essay@gmail.com)
- This contest is open to any student enrolled in high school (grades 9-12). No entry fee required.
- Participants are given 90-120 minutes (laptop versus by hand) to compose an essay in English not to exceed 500 words on a contemporary topic concerning the Chinese and Asian American communities.
- Each essay will be judged on the basis of clarity of thought and expression.
- First Prize: \$1,000; additional awards of Second Prize, Third Prize, Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions.

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