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

**2020 Chinese American Citizens Alliance
National Essay Competition
for all 9th to 12th grade students**

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater New York (CACAGNY) invites any student enrolled in 9th to 12th grades to participate in the 2020 Chinese American Citizens Alliance National Essay Competition.

This annual essay writing contest, sponsored by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for over 40 years, has encouraged generations of students to think creatively and write about current issues regarding Chinese Americans. This year's contest will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2020** at various locations nationwide. The students write on the topic given at the start of the contest for 90 minutes (if on a laptop, no internet allowed) or 2 hours (if by hand writing). The national scholarship awards include \$1,000 for the first prize. CACAGNY will make additional awards to participants from the Greater New York area. There is no fee to participate. See last three years' CACAGNY Essay Competitions at cacagny.org/20190615_essaycontest.html cacagny.org/20180623_essaycontest.html cacagny.org/20170304-essay-contest.html

In the Greater New York area, CACAGNY will conduct the contest in

New York at
The First Chinese Baptist Church
21 Pell Street, New York, NY 10013

New Jersey at
Rockaway Township Public Library
19 Mt Hope Rd, Rockaway Township, NJ 07866

Registration closes March 4, 2020.

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 and C.A.C.A. is available on cacagny.org and cacanational.org.

Attached is the one page application form. The highlights are:

- Register with **Robert Gee** cacagny.essay@gmail.com or <https://tinyurl.com/CACAGNYEssay2020> for NY or **Jenny Lee 2 Heather Court, Dover, NJ 07801, Tel 973-725-1980** jenny.lee81859@me.com for NJ. (Choose closer location)
- This annual contest is open to any student enrolled in high school (grades 9-12). No entry fee required.
- Participants are given either 90 minutes (laptop users) or 2 hours (Blue Book users) 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 originality, clarity of thought and expression.
- National Scholarship Awards: First Prize: \$1,000; Second Prize: \$700; Third Prize: \$500; 10 Awards of Merit: \$100. Greater New York awards to be announced.

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