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2016 CESASC Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What are the history and purpose of the CESASC Scholarship?

Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California (CESASC), founded in 1962, is a leading Chinese-American professional organization, which promotes and advocates the best interests, aspirations, and professional excellence of Chinese-American engineers and scientists in Southern California. Over the years, CESASC provides annual scholarships for qualified undergraduate and graduate students on the merit and financial need basis as its important regular community service. The scholarship funding comes from corporate and individual donors and is managed by the CESASC Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. CESASC Scholarship Committee is responsible to select qualified awardees from applicants.

2. Who can apply for the CESASC Scholarship?

Sophomores and above or graduate students in a university or college are eligible. Students from non-Chinese descent and applicants from non-science/engineering majors are also welcome to apply.

3. When is the deadline to apply for the CESASC Scholarship?

Applications must be received by midnight Pacific Time on **February 29, 2016**.

4. How do I apply?

You need to complete the application form that is available at <http://www.cesasc.org>. Please download the form, fill out all the required information, and save it using your last name and first name as the filename; e.g. *wang_joe.xlsx*.

You will also need to submit the following supporting materials (all in PDF format) in order to have a complete application:

- 1) A one-page summary of personal experience including future goals, extra curriculum activities, and any notable achievements.
- 2) An essay (Not to exceed 500 words) on how you may support and get involved with CESASC and/or other American Asian community organizations.
- 3) Academic transcripts.
- 4) One letter of recommendation from a professor in your field of study.
- 5) (Optional) If you are a relative of a CESASC member, you are encouraged to have him or her write a recommendation letter.

You should email the completed application form and the supporting materials (except the recommendation letter) to the following address with the subject line "2016 CESASC Scholarship Application" by the stated deadline in order to be

considered:

Scholarship@cesasc.org

The letter(s) of recommendation must be emailed to the same email address directly by the recommender.

5. May I apply for the CESASC scholarship for more than one year?

Beginning 2010, qualified applicants may re-apply for the scholarship up to three years consecutively. This is intended to support sophomore. Past winners are not eligible to apply.

6. What will you do with the information I submit?

The CESAC Scholarship Committee composed of academic faculty and professionals will determine the merit of an individual applicant based on two criteria: (1) academic performance, and (2) financial needs. An interview by phone may be conducted for the finalists.

7. How will the number of awardees and the amount of individual scholarship be determined?

The number of awardees and the amount of scholarship will be decided with the consideration of numbers of applicants and available funds. Based on prior years' experience, the number of awardees would be from five to ten, and each scholarship is between \$500 and \$1,000.

8. How can I find out whether I am awarded with a scholarship?

The scholarship awardees will be notified by phone and email on March 31, 2016.

9. Are there any other requirements for scholarship awardees?

The awardees will be recognized at the 54rd CESASC Annual Convention in the evening of April 23, 2016 at the UCLA Carnesale Commons. The award certificates and checks will be handed out to the awardees at the convention. Awardees must attend in person the annual convention events on April 23, 2016 to receive the awards.

Awardees are also required to join CESASC as a member and be willing to help CESASC events such as grading high school student STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) essays and helping organizing future CESASC annual conventions.

10. How should I communicate with the CESASC Scholarship committee?

Please send email to the address: scholarship@cesasc.org