Chi Am Scholarship for Autism Spectrum Disorder Students

“Because Every Student deserves to be recognized”

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Honor/Award

January 1, 2017

Dear Counselors, Teachers, Parents, and Students,

Chi Am Circle invites senior high school students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to apply for the new Scholarship for Autism Spectrum Disorder Students.

Chi Am Circle, a 50-year old non-profit Asian American women’s organization, has been honoring, recognizing and supporting high school seniors annually with scholarship honorariums. Chi Am Circle has proudly provided hundreds of high school graduates entering college with Scholarships based on academic merit and need.

Chi Am Circle believes that every student, regardless of ability or assets, deserves to be recognized. Newly established for 2017, Chi Am Circle will be expanding the scholarship program mission to extend recognition scholarship awards to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) students based on special gifts, talents, skills, achievements or academics. These awards will provide funds to support further schooling, training and education.

Applicants must meet all the following requirements:
- Current high school senior student on IEP and diploma path or Student on IEP and Certificate of Completion path under 22 years of age
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (DSM-5 diagnosis)
- Be a U.S. Citizen or legal resident
- Reside in Santa Clara County, CA or child/grandchild of a Chi Am member
- Be of Asian descent as defined by CA Dept of Education, http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/dc/es/refaq.asp#q1
- Qualify by filling in the form for one of the following paths:
  1) Special gift, talent, skill, or achievement
  2) College, vocational training, or internship/apprenticeship

Submit student forms for Path 1 or 2 postmarked by March 10, 2017 to:
Chi-Am Circle Scholarship - ASD
P.O. Box 2756
Cupertino, CA 95014

Awardees will be notified by the end of April, and must be present at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May to receive award.
Location/Date: TBD on website www.chiamcircle.org

For questions, please email scholarshipapp@chiamcircle.org
**Chi-Am Scholarship for Autism Spectrum Disorder Students**  
**Student Information**

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| Student home address – Must live in Santa Clara County.  
Student lives with MOM____ DAD____ BOTH____ OTHER (list)________ |
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<th>Student’s current school, address, and phone.</th>
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**ASD Designation:** Please **attach documentation** confirming your student’s Autism Spectrum Disorder DSM-5 diagnosis. Acceptable documentation:
- IEP (Individual Education Plan) – page 1 – “autism” disability
- San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) documentation
- Note from Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Physician
- Note from School Principal, or teacher
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STUDENTS ON PATH ONE: Special gift, talent, skill, achievement

Please describe your student’s special gift, talent, unique skill(s), or achievements below (250 words or less). What does he/she do? What makes this gift or talent special or unique in your mind? How does your student “practice” or develop this gift? When do they perform or use it? Feel free to attach your description.

Please attach a short letter or note from a teacher, instructor, coach or mentor sharing about your student’s special gift, talent, skill, or achievement. What makes your student special, “amazing” or unique in the exercise of this talent?

Please include a picture(s) showcasing your student’s talent, and include links to online YouTube to video/pictures of performances – showcasing your student practicing, utilizing, or performing with their gift, talent or skill. Specify Dates/Where/When it took place.

Please describe briefly a school or training/enhancement program that student is currently enrolled in or plans to enroll in during the next 12 months. Include attachment on letterhead for any of the following: (1) acceptance letter, or (2) letter from instructor or staff.
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STUDENTS ON PATH TWO: Future education or vocation plans
(Choose ONE Option: College, Vocational training, Internship/apprenticeship)

[Option 1] College Program: Please describe briefly college program (classes or formal degree) which student is currently enrolled in or plans to enroll in during the next 12 months. Include attachment on any of the following: (1) acceptance letter, (2) transcript, (3) note from instructor, or (4) course/class syllabus.

[Option 2] Vocational School or Training Program: Please describe briefly a school or program of training student is currently enrolled in or plans to enroll in during the next 12 months to learn a profession, trade, or skill. Include attachment on any of the following: (1) acceptance letter, (2) student ID or (3) letter from instructor or staff.

[Option 3] Internship or Apprenticeship: Please describe briefly student’s current/planned involvement in an internship or apprenticeship in the next 12 months. Who will student study under? What will student plan to master? Please attach a note or letter from their supervisor, mentor or trade instructor.