

HOUSE OF CHINA

2026 VIRGINIA HOM FUNG MEMORIAL

YOUTH CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

House of China (HOC) in Balboa Park, is a non-profit cultural and education organization founded in 1935. The mission of HOC is to preserve, present and promote Chinese culture, cross-cultural friendship and understanding. HOC is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and seasonal special events are held throughout the year.

The late Mrs. Virginia Hom Fung was a dedicated HOC officer passionate in Chinese culture and its advancement. A scholarship program was established in 1995 by HOC in her memory. HOC awards scholarships annually to San Diego County youths, 18 years of age and younger, who are currently enrolled in the local certified Chinese language schools in San Diego County. There are three groups in this program: beginner, intermediate and advanced (see below). The maximum number of submissions in each group from each Chinese school is set at 30.

Rules and regulations:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in local certified Chinese schools or schools with CA accredited Mandarin courses.
2. Essay must be hand written in ink on 8.5 x 11(A4) standard squared-blocked paper (方格纸). All essays must be written in WORD “portrait” format (not landscape format) from left to right, and top to bottom. Application form will be available on **January 19th 2026** at each school.
3. Each application packet must include the followings:
 - a. the original copy of essay, (English version can be included for supplementary contents, but not required. No extra points will be given). **Please do not include student’s or teacher’s name, grade and name of school on essay.**
 - b. 3 additional Zerox copies of essay
 - c. A completed application form.
4. The essay packet must be **mailed or dropped off (no certified mail)** to:
Grace Seid, 12052 Rue Des Amis, San Diego CA 92131 with postmark by **March 20, 2026**.
Grace Seid may be reached at 858-232-1030, or togepi911@gmail.com. No email submission will be accepted.

Topic of the essay:

Beginner group: The Joy Of Sports Activities

Intermediate group: About My Chinese Name

Advanced group: Describe One Chinese Musical Instrument

Contestants’ participation will be automatically forfeited if the topic was chosen incorrectly.

Every winner, parents, teacher, and a representative from school are guests at the award ceremony on **Saturday, May 23, 2026**. Winners’ essays and photos will appear in HOC Newsletter and local newspapers.

The criteria of each group:

<i>Group</i>	<i>School grade</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
Beginners:	4 th grade & under	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Intermediate:	5-8 th grade	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Advanced:	9 th grade & up	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00