

The First OCA-CVC Cup Essay Competition

In order to hear the voices of youth and enrich the cultural life of the Chinese community in the Greater Richmond Area, OCA-CVC has organized an essay competition. The selected winners will have the opportunity to have their essays published on local social media outlets.

1. **Theme:** Creating the impacts with Asian-American voice and action
2. **Participants:** Students attending middle school, high school, and college in the Greater Richmond area.
3. **Rewards:**
 - a) Middle School Group:
 - i. First place: \$400
 - ii. Outstanding rewards: \$200 each
 - b) High School Group:
 - i. First place: \$600
 - ii. Outstanding rewards: \$300 each
 - c) College Group:
 - i. First place: \$800
 - ii. Outstanding rewards: \$400 each.
4. **Requirements:**
 - a) Contestants must choose one of the following topics:
 - i. Covid-19's impacts on you or your community
 - ii. My thought of Black Lives Matter Movement
 - iii. How your civic engagement helps shape the future
 - b) Contestants must follow the word count for their category:
 - i. Middle school: under 1000 words
 - ii. High school: under 1500 words
 - iii. College: under 2000 words
 - c) All entries should be original works
5. **Submission:** All the entries should be submitted to [oca.centralva@gmail](mailto:oca.centralva@gmail.com) by 11:59 p.m., 09/15/2020. Late essays will not be accepted under any circumstance.
6. **Results:** The winning results will be sent by OCA-CVC email to participants.
7. **Awards:** Three OCA-CVC Board Members will select the first prizes and outstanding awards from different groups using a rubric.

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