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2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The purpose of the Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC) Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and ally (LGBTQA) Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) in post-secondary education.

VROC is a community-based organization founded by Vietnamese-Americans with a diverse prism of sexual orientations and gender identities. VROC is dedicated to creating awareness, promoting positive visibility, and establishing an inclusive community for LGBTQA Vietnamese-American individuals.



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Application must be postmarked by **October 1st, 2015**.
- Maximum grant award per student is up to \$500.
- Awards will be granted directly to student recipients.
- Parts of the scholarship recipient's essay may be included in VROC's publications, materials, and announcement of the awardee.
- VROC may require the presence of the scholarship recipient at VROC events (minimum of 1 event, in addition to the award banquet)

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

- Be **a)** in the process of applying to, or **b)** currently attending a post-secondary institution (community college, university, vocational school, or graduate or professional school) or graduate institution.
- Plan to major in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). Any other majors are still eligible.
- Involved in the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Ally (LGBTQA) community; however, need not identify as either to apply. Preference will be given to those who identify as both Vietnamese-Americans and LGBTQA.
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or better (on a scale of 4.0).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **VROC will award (2) students with STEM-related majors and (2) students under any major.**
- Complete the VROC's scholarship application form including the 2 short responses and the essay.
- Attach the most recent transcript(s) to verify GPA.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills.
- Complete a phone interview.



PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

PART II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

School Attending Currently: _____

(Name of School) (City/State)

Field of Study and Degree (if applicable): _____

Current GPA (attached a copy of your transcript): _____

Extracurricular Activities (clubs, sports, organizations, etc.): _____

PART III: SHORT RESPONSES

Please answer **BOTH** questions, 200 words maximum for each response.

- 1) What have you contributed to the LGBTQA community?
- 2) Why do you deserve this award?

PART IV: SHORT ESSAYS

Choose **ONE** of two essay questions below, 500 words minimum.

- A) How has being Vietnamese-American or Asian Pacific Islander and LGBTQA impacted your life? How have these two identities intersected?
- B) How do you envision the Vietnamese-American or Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQA community to progress in the coming years?

Is there any further information that may be added to support your statement?

PART V: SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have presented in this application form, and any attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to notify Viet Rainbow of Orange County immediately of any change in my academic status that 1) makes any information presented on this application form or attachments no longer true and correct, and/or 2) makes me ineligible for support for this scholarship as outlined in the funding guidelines.

I understand that the names of recipients and any materials provided as part of my scholarship application to the Viet Rainbow of Orange County Scholarship are listed in publications and reports.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHECKLIST:

- Do you meet all the Minimum Eligibility requirements?
- Did you complete VROC's application form?
- Did you sign the application form?
- Did you attach a copy of your most recent transcripts to verify GPA?
- Did you attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, employer or community leader highlighting community activism and leadership skills?
- Did you complete and attach the two short responses?
- Did you attach a 500-word minimum short essay?
- Is all information typed or printed?

Completed application and attachments must be sent and postmarked by October 1st, 2015 to:

Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)
P.O. Box #2
Garden Grove, CA 92842-0002

OR emailed to:

info@vietroc.org

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