

康谷中華文化協會 Conejo Chinese Cultural Association

CCCA Academic Merit Award Guidelines

CCCA Academic Merit Award for Local High School Seniors

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

In recognition of academic excellence, the Conejo Chinese Cultural Association (CCCA) offers the CCCA Academic Merit Award to college-bound seniors from local high schools. Eligible students who meet the following criteria will receive a \$500 scholarship:

- Maintained an unweighted GPA of 3.50 or higher throughout high school (grades 9–12)
- Attended Thousand Oaks Chinese School for at least five (5) years
- Successfully completed 8th grade at Thousand Oaks Chinese School
- Admitted to a two-year or four-year college/university
- Demonstrates a positive attitude and submits a completed essay on the topic: “My Experiences at Thousand Oaks Chinese School”

Note: The application form can be downloaded at <https://www.ccca-tocs.org/>

Please email the application package to: education@to-cs.org

Email Subject: CCCA Academic Merit Award Application

Your application email must include:

1. Completed application form
2. Essay: "My Experiences at Thousand Oaks Chinese School"
3. A copy of your high school transcript
4. Supporting documents if any

Important:

Selected recipients will be announced on or before **April 15, 2026**. To receive the scholarship, winners must attend their high school's Senior Awards Night. If the recipient is unable to attend, a family member must be present on their behalf. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

CCCA STEM Scholarship

Effective in 2026, two recipients will be selected annually from among the CCCA Merit Scholarship awardees to receive the CCCA STEM Scholarship. Each recipient will be awarded \$750.

The CCCA STEM Scholarship was established through a generous endowment from former Thousand Oaks Chinese School Principal, Ms. Guilin Huang, in memory of her late husband, Dr. Yu Gao, an esteemed radio astronomer and scholar who passed away in May 2020. In recognition of Dr. Gao's lifelong dedication to scientific research, Ms. Huang created this scholarship to encourage and support high school graduates in pursuing studies and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines.

Recipients will be selected by the Education Committee through a formal voting process, with consideration given to applicants' intended college majors, career aspirations, and demonstrated achievements in STEM during high school.

Note:

1. Applicants seeking consideration for the STEM Scholarship must include verified documentation of their STEM-related activities and accomplishments with their application.
2. Students who are awarded the CCCA STEM Scholarship will not be eligible to receive the CCCA Academic Merit Scholarship.