

# Growing Up Asian in America

STUDENT ART, ESSAY & VIDEO CONTEST • \$20,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

**2017 CONTEST THEME: LETTER TO THE SENATOR**

**Entry Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2017**

The 2016 election saw victories for the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community. Especially exciting is the historic election of Kamala Harris as California's new senator and the first Indian-American and second African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. On what issues do you want her to work, and how? What changes would you want to see happen? What advice do you have for helping your community, our country, and the world?

## PRIZES

- 3 ESSAY and 3 ART winners from each grade category will win **\$500** in cash and prizes.
- Up to 3 VIDEO winners will win **iPad minis** and have their videos featured online.

## IDEAS FOR YOUR ENTRY

Use the following questions to help spark your creativity. You do not have to answer any of the questions below as long as your entry addresses the theme.

- What issues are important to you and your family? Why?
- What problems in the Bay Area or in California do you think she should address immediately? What are the solutions?
- What would you share with the senator if you had the chance to meet her?
- How can the senator help unify our country through differences in political parties, religion, cultures and ideologies?



Planting The Seeds Toward Our Future, Qynh-Lam T. 8th Grade

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students of all backgrounds and ethnicities are invited to submit entries.
- You must be in grade K through 12.
- You must live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano or Sonoma County.
- If you have won in previous years, you cannot submit an entry unless you are in a different grade/entry category now. The three grade categories are grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The entry categories are Art, Essay and Video.
- Contestants cannot win a prize in more than one category (ex. Art and Essay).
- Children of contest judges or screeners are ineligible to submit entries.

Winning entries are selected based on creativity, originality and skill in the category. Winners are notified by the end April. Awards will be presented at a ceremony on May 13, 2017 at the Asian Art Museum. **Must be present to win.**

## HOW TO SEND YOUR ENTRY

### Art or Essay (K-12)

Complete the form below and mail or deliver entry to:

Growing Up Asian in America  
Asian Pacific Fund  
465 California Street, Suite 809  
San Francisco, CA 94104

### Video (6-12)

Videos must be submitted online on our website at:

[www.asianpacifund.org/growing-up-asian-in-america](http://www.asianpacifund.org/growing-up-asian-in-america)

*ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 OR DELIVERED IN PERSON BY 5 P.M. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FAX.*

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## ENTRY GUIDELINES

### Art (K-12)

*Format:* MUST BE 8-1/2" x 11"

*Materials and Media:* Anything two-dimensional. All paints, crayons, colored pencils, markers, photographs, computer generated graphics etc. are accepted. No sculptures or pop-ups, please.

### Essay or Poem (K-12)

*Format:* 8-1/2" x 11" paper, 12 pt. font size.

*Length:* 500 words MAXIMUM. Hand-written essays accepted. Please print or write on one side only.

### Video (6-12)

Only 6-12th grade contestants are eligible to submit video entries.

*Format:* Videos must be 1 minute MAXIMUM. 300MB (size) max. Video files must be in .avi, .mov, or .wmv.

## GENERAL

You may send one entry in each category (e.g. one piece of writing and one piece of art, one video--if in 6-12th Grade). We will not accept more than one entry per category. Art is judged separately from essays and poems, so please do not submit an entry that combines writing with art. Each entry must have a complete entry form.

Growing Up Asian in America is a program of the Asian Pacific Fund and was started in 1995 as one of the largest youth celebrations of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the nation.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Asian Pacific Fund at (415) 395-9985 x500 or e-mail [contest@asianpacifund.org](mailto:contest@asianpacifund.org). More information on Growing Up Asian in America is available online at [www.asianpacifund.org](http://www.asianpacifund.org) or [www.nbcbayarea.com](http://www.nbcbayarea.com), search "Growing Up."



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## GROWING UP ASIAN IN AMERICA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Category:  Art  Essay or Poem (Video contestants must fill out a form online)

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

How Did You Hear About the Contest?  School  Library  TV/Radio  Online

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, CA Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School City: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_