



**CHINESE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS  
ASSOCIATION**  
華美環境保護協會

**2014 Chinese American Environmental Professionals Association  
Environmental Essay Contest for Asian American Students  
Deadline: January 16, 2015**

The Chinese American Environmental Professional Association (CAEPA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the professional development of its members. CAEPA fosters the exchange of knowledge in the environmental field. Programs include technical presentations, field trips, international liaisons and conferences. CAEPA program events are open to all. For more information, go to: [www.caepa.us.com](http://www.caepa.us.com)

CAEPA promotes environmental education within the Asian American student community. In 1999, CAEPA initiated a scholarship award for Asian American high school students. The scholarship program goals are to 1) recognize outstanding academic work, 2) encourage career exploration in environmental field and 3) promote environmental literacy.

**Eligibility:** Asian American students who are currently enrolled in a high school in the following counties: Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara. Asian Americans are defined as individuals of East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian and Pacific Island background.

### **2014 Essay Topic**

The year is 2055. You are a visiting American Professor in a course on Global Issues at Beijing University. You will be presenting a talk on the history and future of climate change. Share your lecture with us.

#### **Background**

Given the futuristic nature of the topic, the student is encouraged to be creative in developing the content of the lecture. You can reflect back on the “past” and predict the “future” on what is needed beyond 2055.

This lecture will examine on how the world’s two largest economies have collaborated or not in addressing this global threat. Given this future scenario, please provide your views on what the two countries did right or wrong. What type of world are we living in the last few decades. Think about predictions of climate change, did they come true and how did China and American responded? Are you optimistic or pessimistic for the students in the audience and their future?

While it would be helpful to discuss current efforts or technology, please use this future scenario and think about innovative solutions that may take place in the future (or even discuss failure of such technology or policies).

Please include a title to your lecture.

### **Essay Contest Criteria**

1. Creativity and insights
2. Understanding of the problem, technology, policies and politics.
3. Discussion on choices made and not made and their consequences
4. Creating an interesting lecture to engage your students

### **2014 Environmental Contest Requirements**

1. Maximum of 7 pages, double space, times roman font, size 12
2. Graphs and tables are allowed and will not count as part of the page limit
3. A bibliography is recommended and will not be counted as part of the page limit.
4. An entry form must be submitted with the essay.

### **Contest Awards**

First prize award: \$500

Second prize award: \$400

Third prize award: \$300

### **CAEPA Review Committee**

The CAEPA Review Committee will select the winning essays by March 30, 2015.

If none of the entries received are judged to meeting the contest requirements, CAEPA reserves the right to not select a winner.

For the winning entries, CAEPA will reserve the right to post them on the CAEPA website.

### **Submittal Procedures**

A PDF file and a **completed application form** are email to:

[willardchin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willardchin@sbcglobal.net)

**Submittal Deadline**

**PDF file must be sent by January 16, 2015 5:00 pm PST**

**All entries become property of CAEPA and will not be returned to the student.**

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