**Scholarship Application**

**Background:**

The US-China Peoples Friendship Association® (USCPFA) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) educational organization. Our goal is to develop and strengthen friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and China.

**To the Scholarship Applicant:**

Your application must be filled out COMPLETELY and SIGNED before submitting. Omissions can cause your application to be delayed or even denied.

**ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Award amount:

There are two scholarships for the amount of **$1,000.00 per applicant** to be used towards a trip to China.

2. The **USCPFA Scholarship** is available to any student from a college freshman to graduate school. The applicant should have a “B” average college grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Additionally, the applicant’s intended studies must include some sort of connection to China, e.g., the study of the Chinese language, Chinese medicine, Chinese literature, Chinese history, Chinese art, or Chinese technology.

3. Recipients of the scholarship **must have conducted or be in the process of planning for a trip to China** between January 1, 2014 through and by January 1, 2015.

4. Recipients of this scholarship must **be willing to share a description of their trip upon return:** by written reports, by public speaking to interested support groups using slides, or by performance. Attach a single page which outlines your plan for sharing this trip upon your return, indicating whether by written report, by lecture, media presentation, or performance. Include enough detail that your plan makes clear to the selection committee what you plan to do and for whom.

5. Awards will be granted to students with the highest qualifications in conjunction with other considerations, including but not limited to:

• 2 letters of recommendation

• Involvement in post-trip presentation(s)

• A 3-5 page essay (12 point type) in which applicant should tell the scholarship committee about:

o him/her self

o why he/she may want to visit China

o what benefits he/she hopes to gain through this opportunity

o the impact of globalization on the greater Houston area

• Applicant should also state what will be his or her goals beyond college and how this experience will help him or her achieve these goals.

6. Please attach an unofficial copy of your high school or college transcript along with a list of courses you are currently taking.

7. Applicants must be **U. S. citizens** or **permanent residents**.

8. The application deadline may be changed as seen fit by the USCPFA Scholarship Committee.

9. The $1,000.00 scholarships will be granted when award winners’ travel plans are confirmed by ticket purchase or other suitable documentation.

10. Please be sure to sign your application, and indicate your college or university plus program of study.

11. The USCPFA-Houston does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

12. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Applications should be received by the USCPFA scholarship committee **no later than**

**October 24, 2014.**

13. **TRAVEL DEADLINE (WINDOW):**

Scholarship recipient must undertake the trip to China from **January 1, 2014 through January 1, 2015.**

14. Include your contact information with your essay including your name, address, e-mail address,

 and telephone number.

15. Please sign, date, and mail your essay with all required attachments to:

**Dr. Ken Pascal**

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