

THE VIET OLYMPIAD AWARDS –June 2011

Giải Khuyến Học Kỳ XXIII - 2011

Outstanding Student Awards, Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recognition, Vietnamese Students Association Grants, Viet History & Language Competition, and Writing In Vietnamese Contest.

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Outstanding Student Awards are granted to those students who perform well academically and at the same time work well with others in youth or student clubs, associations, organizations in high school, college and in communities in managing capacities. All Vietnamese American students in high school from grade 10 through 12 and in college up to 26 year old are eligible to participate in the competition. Candidates are to be evaluated according to the following criteria: (a) High GPA during two school years 2009-2011; (b) Participated in management capacities for at least two years in organizations in school such as Key Club, Red Cross, Honor Society, Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)...or outside school such as Boy/Girl scouts, Gia Đình Phật Tử, Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể, Việt Ngữ.... **Applicants are to submit the following documents:** (1) An application with email address (form attached), (2) Original transcripts of the 2009-2011 school years in a sealed envelop, (3) Copies of academic achievement recognition certificates and awards, including PSAT and SAT report cards, (4) Two recommendation letters, (5) Certificates or counselor/teacher's letter relating to performance and achievements in organization and club activities; (6) A personal statement up to two pages in length, to be written in English or Vietnamese concerning the applicant's background, academic achievements, extracurricular activities and future plans; (7) A passport size portrait photo; and (8) A resume .

Great spiritual rewards. Cash awards : First prize \$300; Second prize \$200, and Third Prize \$100 (The prize amounts will be adjusted to higher or lower levels depending on donations). Candidates will be contacted for telephone or person to person interviews if the selection committee deems necessary. Upon submitting application package, applicants agree to let Viet Olympiad use the package information for education promotion purposes. Competition finalists will be notified at least one week prior to the Award Presentation Ceremony to be held on Sunday July 17, 2011 at location to be announced. All candidates are encouraged to submit the application package to Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842. For more information please call 714-531-8540 or email joequylan@gmail.com.

Deadline: Application package must be post marked by June 7, 2011 at the latest .

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recognition aims at recognizing at community level the outstanding academic achievements by graduating Vietnamese American high school students from all high schools throughout Southern California. Valedictorians and salutatorians who submit information to Viet Olympiad will be honored in the Award Presentation Ceremony and will receive cash and other prizes. **Documents to be sent to Viet Olympiad consist of:** (1) An application with email address (form attached), (2) A document issued by the applicant's school official recognizing the applicant as a Valedictorian or a Salutatorian from the institution, (3) Copy of official transcript of school years 2009--2011, (4) A resume, and (5) A passport size portrait photo. Great spiritual rewards. The Awards Presentation Ceremony will be held on Sunday July 17, 2011. ***Deadline: Application package must be post marked by June 30, 2011 at the latest,*** and to be mailed to Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842 For further information please call 714-531-8540 or email joequylan@gmail.com.

Vietnamese Students Association Grants (VSAG). Viet Olympiad is seeking potential grant recipients whose proposals must be submitted by individual(s) trying to form a VSA (Vietnamese Student Association) or by existing VSAs in high schools, colleges, and universities in Southern California. Students are invited to submit proposals for financial aids to support projects, programs, events that are initiated, organized, co-managed, or co-sponsored by an existing or newly formed VSA and to be completed in the 2011 calendar year.

In order to qualify, proposed project/event should primarily focus on one of the following guidelines:

- Heritage Preservation: Activities that preserve, nurture, promote the understanding and appreciation of the Vietnamese culture, the Vietnamese Americans and their contributions to the American society and culture.
- Community Outreach and Unity: Activities that bring together different organizations and different sectors within the community for the purpose of mutual understanding and appreciation of diversity. At the same time, promote community participation in discussing/solving issues of common concern and interest.
- Cultural and Educational Enrichment: Activities that aim at raising awareness and educating the community on issues that are beneficial to the community's welfare, growth and development, with emphasis on the Vietnamese language and culture.

Proposal Guidelines and Requirements: **Proposals to be submitted must include the followings:**

- Use application attached with signature of the lead person.
- Project description, purpose, goals, date and place of completion and its impacts . Proposal must be 1-2 typed pages in length, double-spaced, written in either Vietnamese or English and must be carried out in 2011.
- Applicant(s) may be interviewed by telephone or in person. Finalists for VSAGs whose Proposals are selected, will be notified at least one week prior to the Award Presentation Ceremony, to be held on July 17, 2011.
- **Deadline: Application and proposals will be accepted up to June 7, 2011** and to be mailed to Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842.

Vietnamese History & Language Competition: Vietnamese American students ages 6 through 26 with some knowledge of Vietnamese language and history are encouraged to enter this fun and challenging Individual as well as Team Competition category. Most students who have entered this competition category come from elementary schools, and high schools, some from colleges and universities throughout southern California. In the writing contest, individual contestants (from grade 1 through 7) are asked to write in Vietnamese such as completing sentences, make sentences, write a short letter or a short story in one hour. Contestants from grades 8 through senior year in college are asked to write an essay in two hours. The themes are from programs being taught at many Vietnamese Language Schools or Centers (Trường or Trung Tâm Việt Ngữ). In the group contest, all contestants are to take an one hour Multiple Choice Test. Those who attain minimum levels will be grouped into team of 4 (from grade 1 though grade 5) or of two or three (from grade 6 through grade 12 and college levels) to participate in Oral Group Contest . Starting this year, to encourage more students to participate, students are allowed to compete at any level regardless of age. For example a student of 16 or 26 year of age can register to compete in Viet language class 1. But in team contest, he is to compete in Viet language class 1 against other students of same age level. Student who got awards in 2010 and before are allowed only to compete in higher class levels. All study guidelines and materials are provided by Viet Olympiad which include Vietnamese language, literature, history and geography and can be downloaded from

website giaikhuyenhoc.org. Great spiritual rewards. More than one hundred winners are honored and awarded annually. This year the Award Presentation Ceremony is on Sunday July 17, 2011 at location to be announced. **Application deadline: June 7, 2011 by post office mark.** Writing and Multiple Choice Test date is Sunday June 26, 2011; Oral Team Quiz : Sunday July 10, 2011 at location to be announced.

Writing (In Vietnamese) Contest: Vietnamese American students from grade 10 to 12 and in colleges or universities up to age 26 are encouraged to take part in the Writing In Vietnamese Contest. Contest format: A narrative, a short story, diary, letter or reporting in Vietnamese language. Topic: Contestant can choose any subject or topic for their writing. Sample of suggestive topics: one that explores aspects or process of assimilation, cultural intergration, or heritage preservation. Great spiritual rewards. Cash prizes in 2010 are \$300 first prize, \$200 second prize and \$150 third prize. Submit the writing with attached application form (including a passport size portrait photo) to Viet Olympiad, P.O.Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842. **Deadline: June 7, 2011.** Please contact phone numbers or email addresses on page one.

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Please check: Outstanding Student Award Competition , Valedictorian and Salutatorian Recognition program, Vietnamese Student Association Grants, Vietnamese History & Language Competition (must submit different application form), Vietnamese Writing Contest .

Last, M., First Name of applicant : _____ DOB _____
POB: City _____ State _____ Country _____ Male Female
Last, MI, First Name of Father _____ and of Mother _____
Address to receive mail _____
City _____
State & Zip _____ Tel. to contact for interview & notification: (_____) _____
Email address: _____ Currently enrolled at : _____
Address : _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Grade in High School _____ or Year in College _____
Currently attending Vietnamese Language Class /Center _____

I pledge that the above information are truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature if applicant is under 18 yr of age _____

Please mail to : Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842
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