

Taiwanese American Youth Award Essay

My name is Leo Li, I am currently a sophomore at Winston Churchill High School. Both of my parents are from Taiwan and we go back to Taiwan once a year.

Throughout the years, I participated in many FASCA events and helped out in Chinese school. While participating in these events, I learned many different skills and about my culture.

Regarding FASCA events, I had been responsible for being the project leader for two major events. The Memorial Day Parade and the Rockville 5k Run. While I was the project leader for those two events, I learned how to write a well-constructed email that explains the key points of an event and how to communicate better with FASCA members. On top of learning these critical skills, I also learned more about Taiwanese culture which is important to me. On Sundays, I am an assistant teacher for the Washington DC Taiwanese School. I am currently teaching Mandarin Two. Teaching Mandarin not only allowed me to practice my Chinese, it also gave me a chance to teach little kids.

On another note, I've helped the Washington DC Taiwanese School earn two gold medals during the dragon boat competitions, got a silver medal for the 400-meter Relay at WMAC'S Field Day, and I got an honorable mention for the Confucianism Multimedia Contest. It was in these events, I realized how important communication was between team members when working towards a common goal.

In the music areas, I performed at the Woman's Club of Bethesda and at the Kennedy Center, in Washington Dc. I got a Rating of Superior (Alto Saxophone/Solo) from the Maryland Music Educators Association and I was selected as the alto saxophone performer at the MCPS West County Band. Additionally, I was also in the Concert band and I am currently in the Symphonic Band for Winston Churchill High School.

Regarding sports, I am deeply committed to ping pong. I am a member of the Maryland Table Tennis Center and I represent Joola teams for large tournaments from time to time. Additionally, I also taught and trained beginners to play table tennis. Teaching kids how to play table tennis not only improved my skills as a player overall, but it also taught me to be patient towards kids.

Besides extracurricular activities and promoting Taiwan, I also volunteer to help out in my free time. Last summer, I was one of the counselors at Dr. Liang's summer camp where I took care of kids. This year, I began to tutor weekly for the organization called NECEF. I learned how to teach in different ways so that the student can learn the concepts they need to know.

Lastly, I worked in the bubble tea shop called Yi Fang Taiwan Fruit Tea for a total of three months. In that time, I developed skills such as how to make drinks, how to

communicate with customers, and how to work with people. I was really glad I got this opportunity to work in a Taiwanese shop and represent Taiwan. I will continue to support and promote Taiwan in any way I can in the future.