



## GROWING UP ASIAN IN AMERICA

ART | ESSAY | VIDEO CONTEST



**2020 CONTEST THEME: WHY I COUNT!**

**Entry Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2020**

In celebration of the upcoming 2020 United States Census, we invite you to share why you think it is important to stand up and be counted in your community! The Census determines how much money our local community receives to help our hospitals, roads, and even the school you go to! It is important because it shows how big a voice we have in our government and our community benefits most when the census counts everyone. Share how you would make sure everyone's voices are heard and why Asian American representation matters!

*Use the questions below to help spark ideas. You do not have to answer any/all of these specific questions as long as your entry is about why your representation matters as an Asian American or Pacific Islander.*

- (K-2 only) What are some changes you would make to create a better school? Community?
- Why is it important for people to hear what you have to say?
- How would you use your unique voice to change the country?
- Why is it important that Asian Americans are represented when making decisions for our community and country?



We are Equal, Creyee L., 4th Grade

*Ask your parent/guardian why they believe the census is important! With your parent's permission, visit our website at [aaci.org/guaa](http://aaci.org/guaa) for more resources.*

**In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Growing Up Asian in America contest, we are awarding 25 cash prizes!**

- One (1) \$1,000 Grand Prize winner, ten (10) \$500 Best in Class winner awards & fourteen (14) \$250 Honorable Mention winner awards.
- All winners will have their entries showcased on the AACI website and have a chance to be featured on NBC Bay Area.

## HOW TO SEND YOUR ENTRY

### Art (K-12) & Essay (K-12)

Complete the form below and mail or deliver entry to:

**Growing Up Asian in America**  
**AACI**  
**2400 Moorpark Ave STE 300**  
**San Jose, CA 95128**

*ART ENTRIES: If you would like your art to be returned, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope with your submission.*

### Video (6-12) & Essay (K-12)

Videos must be submitted online on our website. Essays may also be submitted online at:

www.aaci.org/guaa

## 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, pop-ups, or framed canvases, please.

### Essay (K-12)

*Format:* 8-1/2" x 11" paper, 12 pt. font size, single-spaced. Online submissions must be in Word (.doc, .docx) or PDF (.pdf) format.

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

### Video (6-12) *Open ONLY to 6-12th grade students*

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

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 OR DELIVERED IN PERSON BY 5 P.M. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FAX.**

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## GROWING UP ASIAN IN AMERICA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Category:  Art  Essay Online form required for digital essay and video submissions

**PLEASE PRINT NEATLY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## GENERAL

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

Winning entries are selected based on creativity, originality and skill in the category. Winners will be notified by the end of April.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students of all backgrounds are invited to submit entries. You must be in grade K through 12.
- Participants must live and/or attend a school within the following counties: Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Napa, Alameda, or San Mateo County.
- If you have won in previous years, you cannot submit an entry unless you are in a different grade/entry category now. The grade categories are grades K-2, 3-5, 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).

## SUBMISSION CHECK LIST

- I am eligible to enter the contest.
- My entry follows the theme: WHY I COUNT!
- I formatted my entry according to the guidelines.
- I completed an entry form, including a title for my entry.

**Questions?** Contact AACI at (408) 975-2730 x403 or e-mail guaa@aaci.org. More information on Growing Up Asian in America is available online at www.aaci.org/guaa.