

THE VIET OLYMPIAD AWARDS –June 2008

Giải Khuyến Học Kỳ XX - 2008

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 2006-2008; (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, Trung Tâm Việt Ngữ.... *Applicants are to submit the following documents:* (1) An application with email address (form attached), (2) Original transcripts of the 2006-2008 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 promotional purposes. Competition finalists will be notified by mail at least one week prior to the Award Presentation Ceremony to be held on Sunday July 20, 2008 in Orange Coast College or other location to be announced. All candidates are encouraged to submit the application package to Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802 listed above. For more information please contact phone number or email address above. *Deadline: Application package must be posted marked by June 7, 2008 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) Official transcript of school years 2006-2008, (4) A resume, (5) A passport size portrait photo.

Great spiritual rewards. Total awards are estimated from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The Awards Presentation Ceremony will be held on Sunday July 20, 2008. *Deadline: Application package must be post marked by June 30, 2008 at the latest,* and to be mailed to Viet Olympiad, P.O. Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842 as listed on page 1. Please contact phone numbers or email addresses listed on page one.

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 2008 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 2008 or 2009.
- 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 20, 2008.
- *Deadline: Application and proposals will be accepted up to June 7, 2008* 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 a essay in two hours. The themes are from programs being taught at many Vietnamese Language Schools or Centers (Trường hoặc Trung Tâm Việt Ngữ). In the group contest, all contestants are to take the Multiple Choice Test in one hour . Those who attain minimum levels will be grouped into team of 4 (from grade 1 though grade 5) or two (from grade 6 through grade 12 and college levels) to participate in Oral Group Contest (Jeopardy like contest) . All study guidelines and materials are provided by Viet Olympiad which include Vietnamese language, literature, history and geography and can be download from the 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 20, 2008 at Orange Coast College. *Application deadline: June 7, 2008*. Writing & Multiple Choice Test date: June 29, 2008; Oral Team Quiz : July 13, 2007; both at Orange Coast College. Please contact phone numbers or email address for different application format to participate, or go to www.giaikhuyenhoc.org.

Writing 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 2007 are \$400 first prize, \$300 second prize and \$200 third prize, and \$150 for best effort prize. Submit the writing with attached application (including a passport size portrait photo) to Viet Olympiad, P.O.Box 802, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Deadline: June 7, 2008. 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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