



## TAIWANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

### 2013-2014 JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



#### **INTRODUCTION OF TACL's JIP**

To encourage high school students to be actively involved in the community, the TACL, Los Angeles Chapter began its Journalism Internship Program in 1999. Every year, TACL, working with and sponsored by the Rosemead-based weekly newspaper *Pacific Times*, provides talented high school students an opportunity to intern in a professional environment. This program offers students the experience of what it is like to be in the world of journalism and media. The interns learn first-hand the production and distribution of a newspaper and benefit from interactions with journalism professionals. In addition, the program includes attendance to community events and volunteering activities. TACL hopes that, through exposure to journalism and the community, the program would foster our youth's awareness of the multi-culture of our society and increase their participation in fields that are traditionally underrepresented by Taiwanese American.

#### **WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INVOLVE?**

##### **Youth Forum:**

The interns are held responsible for writing their own articles based on the events they have attended or activities they have been involved with. They are in charge of reporting, editing, and page-making to compile news for the monthly "Youth Forum" English section of the *Pacific Times* newspaper.

##### **Seminars, Workshops, and Fieldtrips:**

The program invites professionals in various fields to provide seminars and workshops on news writing, editing, and interview skills. The program has arranged fieldtrips to KPCC Radio Station, L.A. Times and/or other media establishments in the past. Interns are encouraged to take part in these activities. Each intern's level of commitment to the program will be demonstrated through the level of his/her participation.

##### **Community Service:**

TACL and *Pacific Times* work closely with other Taiwanese American organizations. Interns will take part in various community events sponsored by these organizations. They will also volunteer and participate in community service opportunities in the greater Los Angeles area. These are outreach opportunities for interns to become an active participant in the Taiwanese American and Asian American community. These volunteer activities include those at festivals, fairs, & a variety of events to provide some assistance to the community, as well as promote TACL's other programs and campaigns throughout the year.

#### **ARE THERE ANY FEES TO THIS PROGRAM?**

No, there are no fees. This program is free of charge; however, for field trips, it is recommended that interns bring some cash to pay for food or bus trip fees if necessary.

### **ARE THERE REWARDS OFFERED?**

Through this program, interns can earn community service hours. Other than that, this program does not offer any monetary compensation. However, interns may be recommended to various scholarship opportunities and essay contests, depending on their level of participation and commitment to the program.

### **WHO QUALIFIES?**

High school student from 10th to 12th grade who is...

- Interested in writing, reporting, and editing
- Proficient in using Adobe Pagemaker or InDesign software for artwork or be willing to learn
- Has a strong desire to be a voice and an active participant in the community.
- Can meet deadlines

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

To be considered, the following items must be submitted for review:

1. A completed application form (see attached)
2. A typed, double-spaced statement of purpose describing yourself, your future goals, and why you are interested in the program. (400-500 words, Times New Roman, font size 12, one inch margin on four borders)

### **DEADLINE:**

The completed application package must be received by **April 15, 2013** Please mail the application package to:

Taiwanese American Citizens League  
Journalism Internship Program  
P. O. Box 5014  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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### **(1) APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in Taiwanese, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) EXTRACURRICULUR ACTIVITIES:** Please list your extracurricular activities, including dates & positions held. If you need more space to write on, you may add on an additional page to describe your extracurricular activities.

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**(3) TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:** Please provide any tentative summer plans that you may have that might conflict with attending upcoming meetings/events.

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**(4) ONE-PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT/BIOGRAPHY:** Please have this typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, font size 12, and one inch margins on all four sides. This paper must:

- Describe yourself
- Your future goals
- Why you are interested in the program

**(5) ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** You may include any other information you feel will support your application.

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**(6) APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE (MM/DD/YY):** \_\_\_\_\_