



**AU CO VIETNAMESE CULTURAL CENTER &  
THE VIETNAMESE ACADEMIC AWARD FOUNDATION**

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# the 2016 Annual Vietnamese Academic Excellence Awards

Applications may be downloaded from [www.aucocenter.org](http://www.aucocenter.org), requested by email from [auco@aucocenter.org](mailto:auco@aucocenter.org), or picked up at Au Co Center at 350 Girard Street, between 10:00AM and 12:30PM on **Saturdays ONLY**.

Deadline for mailed registration and 12<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship award application: **Must be postmarked by May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Mail to: **Au Co Center**  
**P.O. Box 347042**  
**San Francisco, CA 94134**

OR submit in-person at Au Co Center at 350 Girard Street, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays ONLY. In-person submission will **end at 12:30 p.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Please submit PHOTOCOPIES ONLY. We will not return any application materials.

Parents/Student: *Your registration/application must include the following* (applications will be rejected without ALL of the following):

- Registration fee of \$25 per student (except 12<sup>th</sup> graders applying for scholarship, see instructions below) -- check or money order only - NO CASH ACCEPTED. Please make the check payable to "**Academic Achievement Award**"
- A self-addressed stamped envelope (for notification)
- A COMPLETED Registration Form

## **Qualifications:**

1. Vietnamese or Vietnamese-American students: grades Kindergarten through 12th.
2. Current student of a public or private school within the area codes of **(415), (628), or (650)**. **Students of Au Co Center are exempt from the area code requirement.**
3. Having demonstrated academic excellence (see **GPA & Report Card** guidelines below).

## **GPA & Report Card guidelines:**

- ❖ **Kindergarten – 5th grade:** Submit photocopies of the two most current report periods. In the most current period, at least 80% of the total grade points must be "3", "4", "S", or "O".  
*For Fifth Graders ONLY: To be considered for the **Outstanding Academics Award for Elementary School**, please submit copies of the scores from the student's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade STAR or SBAC or equivalent tests and documentation of other awards.*
- ❖ **6th – 12th grade** (Middle & High School): Submit photocopies of report cards for the Fall 2015 Semester and Spring 2016 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grading periods). Overall GPA must be at least **3.50**.  
*For Eighth Graders ONLY: To be considered for the **Outstanding Academics Award for Middle School**, please submit copies of the scores from the student's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade STAR or SBAC or equivalent tests and documentation of other awards.*

**Please note:** These guidelines are based on the San Francisco School District grading system. For students outside of the San Francisco School District, please submit copies of the report cards for the last two grading periods having the equivalent of a GPA of 3.5 or higher. If you don't know how to convert the grade points or if you're not sure about your student's qualifications, please send in the application packet and the Screening Committee will do the work for you. **If your student does not qualify for an award, your registration fee will be fully refunded.**

## **Scholarships for 12th grade students who have been accepted to a college for the 2016-2017 school year:**

- ❖ Three scholarships of \$1,000 each for students with excellent academic results and/or from low and moderate-income families, minimum GPA of 3.5.
- ❖ One scholarship of \$1,500 for Outstanding Academics Award for High School, minimum GPA of 3.5.

Twelfth-grade students can also apply for the 12th grade scholarship, the student **must** fill out and submit **all** application requirements as listed in the scholarship application, which is different from the Academic Excellence Award registration form. More scholarship information and the application form can be downloaded from [www.aucocenter.org](http://www.aucocenter.org), requested by e-mail from [auco@aucocenter.org](mailto:auco@aucocenter.org), or picked up at Au Co Center as mentioned above. **The 12<sup>th</sup> grade scholarship application is exempt from the \$25 registration fee. Any 12<sup>th</sup> grade student applying for the Outstanding Academic Award or Hardship Scholarship does not have to register for the Academic Excellence Award.** We will notify applicants 1-2 weeks after receipt of the application. Names of the scholarship recipients will be posted online approximately 10 days before the 2016 Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony at <http://www.aucocenter.org>.

## **If you have any questions, please contact:**

- For financial support and other questions: Hang To at (415) 828-4754, [hangto999@gmail.com](mailto:hangto999@gmail.com); or Thuong Nguyen at (415) 515-8841, [thuong@aucocenter.org](mailto:thuong@aucocenter.org)
- For registration: Thuong Nguyen at (415) 515-8841, [thuong@aucocenter.org](mailto:thuong@aucocenter.org); or Colleen Huynh at [colleenhuynh415@yahoo.com](mailto:colleenhuynh415@yahoo.com)

## **The 2016 Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held at:**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 350 Girard Street (at Bacon/Burrows) in San Francisco.**  
**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**