



2025-2026 CHI-PAC SPIRIT OF CHINESE SCHOLARSHIP

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The CHI-PAC Spirit of Chinese Scholarship shall be awarded to a Forest Hills Public Schools Mandarin Chinese Immersion student who fulfills all of the requirements of the award as set forth below. The evaluation of applicants for this scholarship will not be based on their Chinese course grades, but will be based on their submitted essays, oral presentation, and their ability to communicate how their participation in the FHPS Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program has and/or will enrich his or her life. **Scholarship awards will be granted, 1 first place award of \$500, 2 second place awards of \$150 each, and up to 4 third place awards of \$50 each.**

I. Eligibility:

- A. Current, enrolled student in the Western Michigan University/Forest Hills Public Schools Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program at Forest Hills Northern High School;
- B. Will have completed four semesters in the WMU/FHPS Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program by the application deadline; AND
- C. Will be classified as a Senior at FHN by application deadline.

II. Requirements:

- A. Fill out the application form.
- B. Submit a typed essay of a minimum of 300 Chinese characters, along with an English translation on a separate page, responding to the Chinese proverb below. Include character count.
- C. Submit a response of a minimum of 250 words responding to the English question below. Include word count.
- D. Apply by the deadline: **11:59 pm Friday, February 20th, 2026**
- E. **Finalists will present their Chinese essay orally to a panel of native Chinese-speaking judges via Zoom/virtual: Thursday, March 19th 2026, starting at 7pm.**

- F. All entries will become the intellectual property of the FHPS Mandarin Chinese Immersion Program and may be used for promotional purposes.
- G. Email your completed application form and essays (including English translation) to: **CHI-PAC at chipac.info@gmail.com**. Scholarship submissions must be emailed by **11:59 pm Friday, February 20th, 2026** to be eligible for this scholarship.

III. Timeline:

- A. Scholarship application launch: **Monday, December 15th, 2025**
- B. Application Deadline: **11:59 pm Friday, February 20th, 2026**
- C. Finalists notified of their selection for second round (oral presentation to native-speaking judges): **Friday, March 6th, 2026**
- D. **Finalists present to judges: Thursday, March 19th 2026 at 7pm**
- E. Scholarship recipients announced: **Week of March 23rd, date TBD**
- F. Scholarship awards presented; **Week of April 20th, date TBD**



2025-2026 CHI-PAC SPIRIT OF CHINESE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

English Name _____

Chinese Name _____

Email address (please list a non-FHPS email address)

Phone number (where texts can be sent) _____

Preferred contact method: email/text

List any Chinese Immersion related activities you have participated in (ie. Chinese Club, speech competitions, Ada Holiday Parade, etc.) _____

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OF YOUR RESPONSE

- I. 请用中文写一篇短文(请用电脑打字, 不要使用拼音)。请同时附上该短文的英文翻译。

小洞不补, 大洞吃苦。

- II. Please write an essay in English on the following topic. Indicate the word count.

How do you think your years in the Chinese Immersion Program will impact you in the future?