

Taiwanese American Citizens League, Los Angeles Chapter (TACL – LA)



2009-2010

# **J**ournalism **I**nternship **P**rogram

Application Package



## TACL 2009-2010 JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### **BACKGROUND**

In order to encourage high school students to actively involve themselves in the community, the Los Angeles Chapter of the Taiwanese American Citizens League initiated its Journalism Internship Program in 1999. Every year, TACL works with the Rosemead-based weekly newspaper *Pacific Times* to provide talented high school students aspiring to careers in journalism, media, or literature with an opportunity to intern in a professional environment. The interns learn firsthand about the production and distribution of a newspaper and benefit from interactions with journalism professionals. In addition, they take part in various community events and workshops. TACL hopes that through exposure to journalism and the community, the program will foster our youth's awareness of the multi-cultural nature of our society and increase participation in fields in which Asian Americans are traditionally underrepresented.

### **WHAT DO THE INTERNS DO?**

#### **Youth Forum:**

The interns are responsible for managing the bi-monthly English "Youth Forum" in the *Pacific Times*. Their duties including editing and preparing the layout for the section. Interns also will compile news articles and report on community events.

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

The program invites professionals in the field of journalism to give seminars and workshops on news writing, editing, and interviewing. The program arranges field trips to the KCPP Radio Station, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other media establishments. Interns are required to take part in the activities.

#### **Community Involvement:**

TACL and *Pacific Times* work closely with other Taiwanese American organizations and interns will take part in various community events held or sponsored by such organizations. They will also participate in community service activities in the greater Los Angeles area.

## **HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM RUN?**

First term runs from 05/01/09 to 09/30/09

Second term runs from 10/01/09 to 04/30/10

## **DO INTERNS RECEIVE A STIPEND?**

Although this program does not provide monetary compensation, interns will be recommended to various scholarship opportunities and essay contests; interns will also earn community service hours.

## **WHO QUALIFIES?**

High school students from grade 10 to 12 who

1. are interested in writing and editing for a newspaper
2. are proficient in using layout software or are willing to learn
3. have a strong desire to learn and participate

## **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

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

1. A completed application form.
2. A typed, double-spaced statement of purpose (approximately 500 words) describing yourself, your future goals, and why you are interested in the program.

## **DEADLINE:**

The completed application package must be received by **April 1, 2008**. Please mail it to:

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

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**2009-2010 TACL Journalism Internship Program Application Form**



Name (English): \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Name (Taiwanese, if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/ Guardians (English): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school and year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Fields of Interest & Extracurricular Activities:

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**SIGNATURES:**

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Applicant

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Parent/Guardian (if applicant under 18)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)