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Scholarship for Future Environmental Professionals

Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association (SCCAEPA)

SCCAEPA is a non-profit, volunteer-based professional organization (501(c)(3)) and has a mission to promote environmental awareness and communications. In 2006, SCCAEPA formed student scholarship committee to enhance environmental education, information exchange, and communication between current and future environmental professionals. One of SCCAEPA accomplishments is to award student scholarships to future environmental professionals (i.e., current college students studying in environmental fields). Through the scholarship award, the SCCAEPA hopes to encourage current college students studying in environmental fields and attract future environmental professionals working in the fields.

SCCAEPA has held a total of 4 events that awarded student scholarships since 2006. The scholarships were granted to college level students by a form of poster presentation competition. The participants submitted the poster package based on their recent research in environmental fields. The scholarship committee members evaluated the submittals and selected the winners. The evaluation criteria are:

- Relevance to the theme of environmental protection and significance of the work to a broad audience
- Application of the academic research to the real world problems
- Originality of the work, including new concepts, innovations, or data
- Scientific and technical merit
- The completeness of the project, clarity of presentation and quality of the slides
- Students' specific role and contributions to the project.

The first student scholarship event was taken place during the SCCAEPAsymposium held in November 2006 at UCLA. The winners were Xin Guo, Jina Choi, Victor Chen, and Wei Li.

The second group of student scholarships was awarded during the SCCAEPAsymposium held in November 2007 at Cal Poly Pomona. A total of 5 winners were recipients of a total of \$1500 scholarships. They were Jie Cheng, Xiu Ying Xing, Zhiqing Kou, Jen Chang, and Yanina Barrera.



Student scholarship recipients in 2006 event at UCLA.



Student scholarship winner in 2007 event at Cal Poly Pomona.

The third student scholarship event was at the 2010 SCCAEPAs Members Annual Meeting held in April 2010 in Arcadia. A total of 4 winners were awarded the scholarship in a total of \$1500. They were Christine Lee (1st prize), Licheng Chan (2nd prize), Yingdi Liu and Yifei Tong (3rd prizes).



Student scholarship recipients in 2010 event in Arcadia.



Student scholarship recipients in 2011 event in San Gabriel.

The fourth student scholarship event took place at the 2011 SCCAEPAs Members Annual Meeting held in August 2011 in San Gabriel. A total of 7 winners were awarded for the scholarship in a total of \$2500. The winners were Weiyang Jiang (1st prize), Aihua Zhu (2nd prize), Qunfang Zhang, Yin Tung, Jingjing Wang, Shu-Yuan Pan, and Longwen Gong (3rd prizes).

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