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Families with Children from China—Austin, Texas Chapter
Scholarship Application for Volunteer/Welfare Trip

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Name of Applicant Date of Birth

Address

 **(512) 000-0000**

Email Address Phone Number

**Submission Criteria for Volunteer/Welfare Trip** **Scholarship**

For consideration of this scholarship, applicants must be current FCC members in good standing
(per the 2016 membership roll), be between the ages of 13 and 23 at the time of submission, who are preparing to return to China as part of a 2015 volunteer trip where s/he will be directly involved in projects that assist the welfare of children currently in foster or welfare institutes. **Note: this is not a scholarship for a heritage trip.**

Additionally, the award recipient agrees to provide the board via email a three-paragraph post trip summary. The board may choose to publish in the FCC-Austin newsletter (without mentioning the awardee by name if desired) that the scholarship has been awarded.

**Rubric**

Up to 25 points will be awarded based on the thoroughness of the answer (10 points), details included
(10 points) and depth of the explanations (5 points).

**Judging**

* Up to 25 points will be awarded based on the thoroughness of the answer (10 points), details included (10 points) and depth of the explanations (5 points).
* The submission with the most points will be awarded the scholarship.
* In the event of a tie, the scholarship award will be divided.
* A judging committee independent from the FCC-Austin board will blindly judge the essays according to the rubric.

**Submission Methodology**

Complete the form on the previous page and respond to one of the following essay topics in a typewritten response of one to two pages in Arial 12 point font, double spaced, with 1" margins. Include in your essay response two paragraphs that describe your China Volunteer/Welfare Trip plans.

Please Select and Respond to One of the Following Questions:

1. Describe what you have done to prepare yourself to return to China. (Feel free to describe books you might have read, cultural events you have attended, and/or classes you have taken with an Asian theme.)
2. What are you looking forward to the most from this trip and why?
3. What do you hope to learn about yourself and China from this experience?
4. When you return, how would you hope to share this experience with your family and your community?

**Timeline**

* May 9, 2016 at midnight: Application is due to the coordinator. The coordinator will submit the essays to the judging committee. **Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances. The time stamp received on the coordinator’s inbound email will serve as the acceptance date/time.** Submit essays to FCC Board Member Mark Estes, at: secretary@fccaustin.org. You will receive an email confirming receipt of the essay.
* May 10, 2016: Judging begins.
* June 7, 2016: Judging ends and coordinators tally the rubrics.
* June 14, 2016: Recipient(s) is/are announced and the scholarship(s) is/are distributed.

**Note: FCC reserves the right to award scholarships only if the judges deem essays have met the selection criteria.**

**Previous winners of the Higher Education Scholarship are not eligible to participate in the current Higher Education Scholarship application process.**



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Essay for Volunteer/Welfare Trip Scholarship

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