

**New Jersey Chinese Cultural Studies Foundation &  
Asian Studies Program, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Seton Hall University  
Co-host the 17<sup>th</sup> Chinese Cultural Project Contest**

**Topic: *How Do Chinese and American Idols Impact Their Cultures?***

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$700 (1 team)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$300 (2 teams)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200 (2 teams)**

**Objective of the contest:** To promote the understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture and heritage.

**Contestant eligibility:** Any high school student teams who are studying full time at an accredited high school and are in grades 9 through 12. A team must have at least 2 members but not more than 5 members. Also, a team with different high school students is allowed.

**Project format:**

- Research-type, team project based on history and facts and can be presented in any format, e.g., recital, debate, video, slides, drama, poster, or a combination thereof. Your own evidence-based conclusions are most important. Evidence collected through primary research is preferred.
- Submission could be in English or Chinese, or a combination of both.
- Faculty advisors are permitted, but the students must conduct the research AND do the project and presentation completely on their own.
- Finalists will be invited to present their work to a panel of judges.

**Timeline:**

- **January 2, 2025 to Wednesday January 31, 2025 - Submission of application**  
All applicants are required to e-mail the following information to [njccsf@gmail.com](mailto:njccsf@gmail.com).  
A) Names of students, grades/years, high school.  
B) Contact information of the team leader such as address, e-mail and telephone number.  
C) An abstract (1 page) on how you plan to conduct your research and present your conclusions.
- **On or before Wednesday March 12, 2025 - Submission of project**  
Information on submission will be provided upon acceptance of application.
- **March 27, 2025 – Notification to finalists for presentation**
- **April 7, 2025 – Finalists to submit complete presentation to NJCCSF**
- **April 26, 2025, Saturday (9:00am-12:30pm) – Bethany Hall, Seton Hall University  
Finalists Presentations & Awards Ceremony**  
- 12-minute presentation in English, Chinese or combination of both.  
- Judges may ask questions.

**Panel of Judges:**

Dr. Yong Ho, Executive Director of CLTA-GNY  
Ms. Lily Shen, Student Teaching Supervisor, Teachers College, Columbia University  
Ms. Shanman Liao, Chinese Teacher, Old Bridge High School  
Dr. Han Luo, Associate Professor of Chinese, Lafayette College  
Ms. Cleopatra Wise, Director of Operation @ Brooklyn LAB Charter School

**Inquiry:**

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**Declaration:** The applicants agree to display their work on NJCCSF's printed material and website and authorize NJCCSF to distribute their work to other media, including other web sites, at its discretion. Applicants further agree that if their assistants appear on stage, they are covered by this declaration.