

## 2 Weeks Until Submissions Close!



**K-12 Students have a chance to win up to \$1,000 and a chance to be featured on NBC Bay Area!**

Submissions for the K-12 Growing Up Asian in America, Art Essay and Video contest closes **March 6, 2020**. Help us encourage children in the Bay Area to share why their voices count! Join our 2020 contest and submit your artwork online at [aaci.org/guaa](http://aaci.org/guaa)!

*"Believe in yourself; don't listen to what they say.*

*Follow your heart. And it will go your way.*

*So we need to stand up. Get up on your feet!*

*Stick together, no more taking a seat."*

**-Aubrey Ilasco**

*2019 Growing Up Asian in America 3-5 Essay Best in Class Winner*

Learn more about Aubrey Ilasco's award-winning rap here: <https://aaci.org/a-rap-for-change/>

## **2020 Contest Details**

### **This year's theme is: Why I Count!**

**Entry Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2020**

In celebration of the upcoming 2020 United States Census, we invite you to share why you think it is important to stand up and be counted in your community! The Census determines how much money our local community receives to help our hospitals, roads, and even the school you go to! It is important because it shows how big a voice we have in our government and our community benefits most when the census counts everyone. Share how you would make sure everyone's voices are heard and why Asian American representation matters!

*Use the questions below to help spark ideas. You do not have to answer any of the questions as long as your entry is about your contribution to America as an Asian or Pacific Islander.*

- (K-2 only) What are some changes you would make to create a better school or community?
- Why is it important for people to hear what you have to say?
- How would you use your unique voice to change the country?
- Why is it important that Asian Americans are represented when making decisions for our community and country?

K-12 Students in the counties of Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Napa, Alameda, or San Mateo are encouraged to submit artwork, essays, and videos relating to this year's theme. Please [click here](#) to see if you or your child are eligible to join. **Entries must be RECEIVED by Friday, March 6, 2020 or delivered in person by 5 p.m. No entries will be accepted by fax.**

To submit your work or learn more please visit our <https://aaci.org/guaa/>

For any questions please contact us at [GUA@aaci.org](mailto:GUA@aaci.org) or 408-975-2730 x403.

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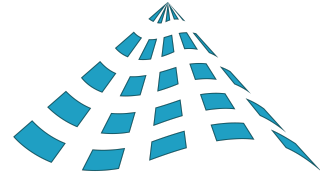
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