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TACL HOSTS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AS PART OF CENSUS 2010 CAMPAIGN

Los Angeles – The Taiwanese American Citizens League (TACL) is conducting scholarship contests for both high school students and college students, as a project of their Census 2010 campaign. Low-income students and those who are of the first generation in their family to attend college are encouraged to apply. **Three high school students will be selected to receive a \$500 scholarship to offset their expenses at a two- or four-year accredited institution and three student groups will be selected to receive a \$500 grant to benefit the group and help offset their expenses at an accredited institution.**

TACL is inviting students to explain “Why is it important for Taiwanese Americans to be counted in the Census?” Students will learn about the Census, help to publicize it, make sure all Taiwanese are counted, and inform the Taiwanese community about the upcoming Census 2010. The objectives of the TACL Census 2010 grant contest are to: 1) Increase awareness about Census 2010 and get students to think about its importance to the Taiwanese American community and how it relates to their community and future, 2) Promote community involvement and social service and 3) Recognize students with leadership qualities as well as a commitment to civic and public service. The scholarship is funded by TACL, its affiliate Taiwanese American Professionals and the Taiwan Center.

“TACL is encouraging our youth to be involved in the community, and to learn about the importance of the US Census. We are excited to be able to offer financial assistance to help provide for student groups, and the educational needs of students. Many of our programs have focused on youth, aiming to develop community-oriented leaders. We are proud to see many alumni of our programs, such as our internships and camps, return to be involved in both the community and this organization. We believe this contest will provide a similar encouragement of our youth to succeed through creativity and civic participation, for an important cause,” said Ben Ling, TACL National President.

TACL Census 2010 Scholarship contest applications must be postmarked by **Monday, February 1, 2010** for high school applicants and **Friday, February 12, 2010** for college applicants. Applications are available online at www.tacl.org. For more information, please contact TACL at tacl@tacl.org or (626) 551-0227.

TACL is a non-profit organization of education, public affairs and human rights representing Americans of Taiwanese ancestry. The mission of TACL is to enhance the well being of Taiwanese Americans and to promote Taiwanese American’s participation in American democracy. TACL members are determined to dedicate themselves to bridging the diversified cultures between the Taiwanese and American societies. The TACL programs include Journalism Internship, Summer Political Internship, Leadership Camp, Community Service, and Community Scholarship. www.tacl.org TACL is an official Census 2010 partner.

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