Andrew Joon-hao Tan was born in Boston and raised in Menlo Park, California. He is of Korean and Malaysian descent, and fully American. Currently an eighth-grader at La Entrada Middle School, his extracurricular interests include athletics, jazz and writing.

His interest in citizenship and community service originated in scouting and blossomed in his current events elective at school. He is a Life Scout and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scouts Troop 109. Andrew is an elected member of the Order of the Arrow (Boy Scouts of America Honor Society), has earned 40 merit badges, and is working on his Eagle Scout project. He studies Latin and Mandarin Chinese. Distinctions in Latin include summa cum laude for consecutive years in the national Latin examination and awards in oratory and essay contests at the annual California Junior Classical League in 2014.

He is a sports enthusiast and has been a life-long Red Sox fan. He has played in many youth sports groups, including Little League baseball where he was selected to the All Star team in 2012. Currently he focuses on running, tennis and squash. He has won medals in several San Francisco bay area 5K races and is on his middle school varsity tennis team. In addition to sports, he enjoys playing alto and tenor saxophones in his school jazz band. More recently he was selected into the Stanford Jazz Middle School Ensemble where he plays first tenor saxophone.