Jeremy Lin Biography

Lin was born in [Los Angeles, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles%2C_California) and grew up in [Palo Alto, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palo_Alto%2C_California).

His parents, Gie-Ming and Shirley, emigrated from Taiwan to the United States in the mid-1970s. They are both 5 feet 6 inches (1.68 m) tall. His paternal family comes from [Beidou, Changhua](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beidou%2C_Changhua) in Taiwan; while his maternal grandmother is from [Pinghu, Zhejiang](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinghu%2C_Zhejiang) in today's [China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/China). He has an older brother, Josh, and a younger brother, Joseph. Gie-Ming taught his sons to play basketball at the local [YMCA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YMCA). Lin grew up in a devout [Christian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian) family and would one day like to be a [pastor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pastor) who can head up non-profit organizations, either home or abroad. He has also talked of working in inner-city communities to help with underprivileged children. Lin also has a [YouTube](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YouTube) account, and has made videos with YouTube personalities [Nigahiga](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigahiga) and [KevJumba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KevJumba).

In a video interview conducted by [Elie Seckbach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elie_Seckbach), he asked Jeremy how it felt to be representing so many people. Jeremy responded by stating, "It's humbling, a privilege, and a honor. I'm really proud of being [Chinese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_people), I'm really proud of my parents being from [Taiwan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiwan). I just thank God for the opportunity." He was then asked if he was fluent in Chinese. Jeremy stated that he could understand it, but could use some help speaking it. In an interview conducted with NBADraft.net, Jeremy stated that he could only speak [Mandarin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard_Chinese), not [Cantonese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cantonese) but can only read and write a little but had also taken classes while attending Harvard to try to improve. In a later interview attended by basketball players (under the age of 19) from Taiwan, he stated he would like to visit [Taiwan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiwan) again but also work on speaking [Chinese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_language).