



JAPANESE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
2020 Scholarship Application
Application Due April 23, 2020

PURPOSE

Japanese culture and tradition place great value upon education. It is a value that has become firmly rooted in the heritage of Japanese Americans and the mission of the JASC. Service to our community and others is an integral part of the JASC. Without it, education becomes an impersonal intellectual exercise instead of a tool to improve ourselves and our world. The JASC believes that an important part of a good education is learning both the value and enjoyment that comes from civic, charitable, and community activities and participation. Such efforts not only help others but serve to remind us of the importance of striving to advance broader societal goals regardless whether one derives any personal gain other than the satisfaction of bettering the world in which we live.

As a part of its efforts to preserve and promote our Japanese heritage and to advance the commitment to community service, the JASC administers an annual scholarship program to support members of the Japanese American community to pursue education beyond high school. These JASC scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to promising students who have demonstrated both academic excellence and service to the Japanese American community.

We thank the many families and individuals who have donated to fund the scholarships and recognize the people who whom our scholarships have been named, both current scholarships and past: Sam Fukaye Scholarship; Fred Toguri Scholarship; William T. Yamamoto Scholarship; Frank T. Kambara Scholarship; Jean E. Taketoshi Scholarship; John (Jun) Iwaoka Scholarship; Dr. Newton K. Wesley Scholarship; Taketo Tomiyama Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a scholarship from the JASC, applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

1. High school applicant's family must have a current JASC Family membership; college applicant must have their own current Student or Individual membership.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior and enroll on a full or part-time basis in an accredited school of advanced learning within one year of being selected as a scholarship recipient OR be currently enrolled as a student in a college or university.
3. Applicant need not be of Japanese ancestry and need not be a citizen of the United States.
4. Applicant must submit a written Application based on the Criteria listed below along with a current transcript from his/her high school or college/university.
5. Awards to high school students are contingent upon the applicant timely providing the JASC with a notice of acceptance by an accredited school of advanced learning.
6. Past recipients of scholarship awards are not eligible to apply.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. **Grades, Coursework:** Official transcripts from high school or college
2. **Extracurricular Activities:** Level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time the applicant has been involved in the activity, leadership, and accomplishments in the activity, etc.
3. **Community Service:** Service to Japanese American organizations, level of participation, length of time involved, level of involvement, leaderships, and accomplishments, etc.
4. **Essay:** A one-page essay on *either* of the following topics:
 - a) How can JASC be relevant to the applicant's life? or,
 - b) How has the JASC contributed to the applicant's sense of self or personal growth?
5. **References:** A letter of reference from *each* of the following:
 - a) A teacher/professor from applicant's school; and
 - b) An adult (not a family member) familiar with the applicant's service and participation in the Japanese American community.

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating scholarship applications

1. Service to and participation in JASC and other Japanese American community events, programs, and projects.
2. While grades are not always indicative of ability, good grades or steady improvement of grades over the course of high school, suggest the student takes their education seriously. Grades will be considered as a measure of the student's interest and seriousness. The student's coursework and course levels will also be reviewed as an indication of interests and motivation.
3. Extracurricular activities are an important part of growing up and toward that end will be considered in evaluating an applicant. Considerations will include the level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time the applicant has been involved in the activity, leadership, and accomplishments in the activity, etc.

Deadline: Application and transcript must be submitted by 5:00 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2020,

Japanese American Service Committee
c/o Scholarship Committee
4427 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Decision of the Scholarship Committee is final, and applicants will be notified on or around May 30, 2020. Award recipients are expected to attend the award ceremony at JASC on **June 22, 2020** at 7:00pm, families are invited and welcome to attend.

Contact JASC with questions: Joan Ambo jambo@jasc-chicago.org 773.275.0097 x228



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Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email Address _____

Resident of Illinois since _____ (indicate year)

Parents' Name _____

JASC Membership

Individual or parents membership start: _____ (Indicate year)

Education

Current school _____ (City/State/Zip) _____

Plan to attend _____ (City/State/Zip) _____

Academic and/or career interests _____

Expected graduation date _____

Graduate of _____ Class of _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

Required Materials

1. _____ Official high school transcripts **OR** _____ Official college transcripts

_____ are attached in a sealed envelope

_____ have been requested and will be sent directly to JASC

2. _____ Summary of extracurricular activities

3. _____ Summary of community service

4. One page essay on one of the topics listed below (choose one)

_____ Topic A: How is JASC relevant to your life?

_____ Topic B: How has JASC contributed to your sense of self or personal growth?

5. _____ Teacher/Professor letter of reference

_____ is attached in a sealed envelope

_____ has been requested and will be sent directly to JASC

6. _____ Japanese American community participation letter of reference

_____ is attached

_____ has been requested and will be sent directly to JASC

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____