



**JAPANESE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**2021 Scholarship Application**  
**Application Due April 29, 2021**

**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 of 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 for 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 (Tak) Tomiyama Scholarship.

**ELIGIBILITY**

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

1. Applicants' family or applicants themselves must have a current JASC membership.
2. Applicants must be enrolled on a full or part-time basis in an accredited school of advanced learning within the 2021-22 academic year.
3. Applicants need not be of Japanese ancestry and need not be a citizen of the United States.
4. Applicants must submit a written application, meet the criteria listed below, and a sealed current transcript from their high school or college/university.
5. Awards are distributed to the student upon the applicant providing JASC with proof of enrollment at an accredited school of advanced learning.
6. JASC scholarship winners are limited to receiving a total of two (2) awards in their lifetime.

## REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. **Grades, Coursework:** Official sealed transcripts from high school or college, other academic honors and/or awards.
2. **Extracurricular Activities:** Level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time 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, leadership, and accomplishments, etc. Previous JASC scholarship winners applying for a second award must demonstrate sustained engagement with JASC.
4. **Essay:** A one-page essay on *one* of the following topics:
  - a) How is JASC relevant to your life?
  - b) How has JASC contributed to the applicant's sense of self or personal growth?
  - c) How do you anticipate participation in JASC in the future?
5. **References:** A letter of reference from *each* of the following:
  - a) A teacher/professor from the 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 throughout 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. Participation in extracurricular activities is important and will be considered in evaluating an applicant. Considerations will include the level or degree of the applicant's commitment, leadership, and accomplishments in the activity, etc.

**Deadline: Application and transcript must be submitted by Thursday, April 29, 2021, 5:00 PM**

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

Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final, and applicants will be notified on or around May 30, 2021. Award recipients should plan to attend the award ceremony at JASC (to be confirmed per Covid guidelines) on **June 28, 2021**, at 7:00 pm, families are invited and welcome to attend.

Contact JASC with questions: Joan Ambo [jambo@jasc-chicago.org](mailto:jambo@jasc-chicago.org) 773.275.0097 x228



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (not school associated account) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**JASC Membership (check one)**

Individual  Parents/Family

**Education**

Current school \_\_\_\_\_ (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

College/University to attend in Fall 2021

\_\_\_\_\_ (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major/Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate of \_\_\_\_\_ (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Materials Checklist**

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?  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Topic C: How do you anticipate participation in JASC in the future?
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 \_\_\_\_\_