

The JCCNC Scholarship

Updated April 30, 2020-Post Shelter in Place Mandate

Objective:

The JCCNC Scholarship Program provides financial support to students enrolled at institutions of higher education. The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to be prepared to assume important roles as leaders in the professions and in the communities relevant to Japanese and Japanese Americans. The award is intended to encourage students who aim to pursue further education in the area related to culture, politics, economics, education, sports and community service significant to the relationship between Japan and the United States.

Two eligible Bay Area/Northern California students will each be awarded \$3,000 from the JCCNC Scholarship program to apply toward tuition, books, room and board.

Eligibility Requirements:

- US citizen with a Japanese ancestry/legal Japanese residents of the United States
- Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale.
- Will enter an accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman in the fall of 2020.
- Have demonstrated academic interests in the study of fields of US-Japan relations.

Selection Criteria:

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of their demonstrated interest and ability to perform in furthering their academic education and a career in the relevant field. Applicants' expression in their essay on special topics and subsequent interview will be highly evaluated.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed application form
- Official transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from academician)
- Essay (maximum 2 pages)
- College admittance notice (copy)

Please choose one of the following topics for the essay.

- How would you preserve the Japanese values and culture for Japanese Americans today?
- How can you continue to expand the relationship between Japan and the United States?
- What can be done to enhance and strengthen the presence of Japanese Americans and Japanese in the United States (in the current environment of stronger other Asian presence)?
- What can be done to increase interactions and strengthen relations between Japanese living in the Bay Area and Japanese American communities?

The Selection Committee suggests that applicants include the following information in their essay.

- Goals and interests to be enhanced by this scholarship.
- Past experience and accomplishments relevant to your present goals.
- Personal growth areas to attain through this experience.

The Selection Committee will schedule an interview with finalists following the deadline of applications.

All information will be held confidential. Applications will not be considered without all requested information.

Dates to consider:

- Friday, May 22nd – Deadline for applications. Applications must be received by May 22nd 5 p.m. in order to be considered.
- Friday, June 5th – Interview date (Video conference under consideration) – Finalists will be contacted for interview time.
- Friday, June 12th – Presentation of awards (Lunch and JAMsj tour - Tentative based on the Shelter in Place status)

Dates are subject to change.

******Due to the Shelter in Place mandate, JCCNC will be accepting applications and recommendation letters via email to MAIL@JCCNC.ORG. Hardcopy originals are not mandatory but may be mailed to:

The Selection Committee
c/o Mr. Taiki Ozawa
President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California
Vice President, Western Region, Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.
I-5-105, P. O. Box 280025
San Francisco International Airport
San Francisco CA 94128

Questions may be submitted to mail@jccnc.org. (The JCCNC office is closed; however, staff are working from home and will reply as soon as possible.)

JCCNC Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Personal Information

1. Name: Mr. /Ms. _____

2. Permanent Home Address:

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

3. Date/Place of Birth: _____

4. Current High School Name:

5. High School Address/Telephone:

6. Colleges applied to and accepted:

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7. College Enrolled in: Name/Address

8. College Major:

9. GPA Score: _____

10. Education History: List in chronological order all schools you have attended.

Name of Schools attended	City & State	Dates of attendance
		To
		To
		To

11. Extracurricular Activities:

List all extracurricular activities including skills and hobbies. Describe briefly each activity.

12. Distinctions, honors and awards:

I hereby pledge that the information provided is true and accurate. I will provide additional documentation if needed.

I understand that the scholarship funds must be used toward tuition, books, room and board at an accredited university or college.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Letter of Recommendation

Applicant: At least one recommendation should come from an academician. Please fill out the following:

1. Name of Applicant:

2. Name of High School:

Recommender: Your opinion of the applicant will be appreciated. Please fill out this form and mail directly to the Selection Committee, JCCNC.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. What are the applicant's principal strengths?

3. In what area does the applicant require improvement?

4. Other comments: (continue on the back of this sheet)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Position/Title: _____