

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The California Japanese American Alumni Association (CJAAA) is offering between 5 to 15 scholarships of \$1000 to \$3000. Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students of Japanese-American ancestry with either continuing or returning enrollment at any of the nine campuses of the University of California. Any major or field of study is acceptable.

### AWARD CRITERIA

In order of importance, applicants will be judged on academic excellence, commitment to community and social concerns, and personal attributes. Financial need will also be considered for those who submit financial aid forms. There is no minimum grade point average required to apply, but a GPA of at least 3.0 is strongly recommended. Given the mission of CJAAA, applicants are expected to have participated in community service. Examples of community service include volunteering for JACL, Red Cross, or local church/temple; participants in Japanese American student organizations who teach children to read, clean up the bay or feed the homeless; and fraternity/sorority members involved in philanthropic activities. Applicants without community service experience must demonstrate a commitment to do so in the future. Those who begin their volunteer work immediately will illustrate such a commitment.

### AWARD TYPES

- The “Mo” Noguchi Memorial Award will be given to CJAAA’s top scholarship candidate along with a maximum potential of \$3000. The award is named after Moriaki Noguchi, a founding member and long-time president of CJAAA. His work is largely responsible for the existence of the scholarship program and thus this award is in his memory.
- The George Kondo Memorial Award will be given to the candidate judged to have the best community service record. This award is given in memory of its namesake who served the Japanese American community with tireless devotion.
- The Yori Wada Memorial Award will be given to the candidate with the best record of public service, in memory of the dedicated public service of Mr. Wada. The Kondo and Wada Awards are only given in years’ where we have an appropriate candidate.
- To encourage young Japanese-Americans to study abroad, CJAAA additionally offers an annual scholarship between \$2,500 to 5,000 to a student accepted to the University of California Education Abroad Program in Japan and having a minimum GPA of 3.5. Applicants should inquire at their local campus for more information about the Education Abroad Program.

## HISTORY

Initial funding for the scholarship program came from a trust fund following the 1972 sale of the Japanese Mens' Students Club dormitory, also known as Euclid Hall after World War II. Built by pioneering Issei and Nisei, the dorm was located near the UC Berkeley campus to meet the desperate housing needs of Nisei students battling harsh discriminatory practices. These pioneers wanted to build an educational foundation for the next generation and as the key to their bootstrap efforts to improve their families' status and enable their children to earn a place in society worthy of their character and abilities. In keeping with this tradition, the CJAAA Scholarship Program was created to promote higher education among future generations of Japanese-Americans and helps ensure that they enjoy the fruits of their endeavors. The expansion of the scholarship program in recent years is a reflection of the continuing efforts to build upon our forefathers' goals and also promote involvement in community service, whether assisting Japanese American activities, volunteering at a hospital, or conserving the environment, etc.

## LIMITATIONS

Previous applicants may reapply, however, anyone who has received a prior CJAAA award of \$1000 or more is ineligible.

## HOW TO APPLY

- If you are eligible, please download an application form from the CJAAA website at [www.cjaaa.org](http://www.cjaaa.org). To receive the application by e-mail, contact Scholarship Chair Ron Yamada at [scholarships@cjaaa.org](mailto:scholarships@cjaaa.org).
- Any questions may be directed to Ron Yamada (650) 802-0939, [scholarships@cjaaa.org](mailto:scholarships@cjaaa.org)
- Complete all sections of the application form and follow the directions carefully. Please type. You may use extra pages if necessary, but please use the form whenever possible.
- Tips: Proofread your application and essay for typographical and grammatical errors. Have someone else review your essay and make revisions based on their feedback. Emphasize your community activities.
- Annual **DEADLINE is May 1**. Applications must be postmarked no later than this date. The deadline is firm.
- Selection is by a CJAAA volunteer scholarship committee of at least five members. Notification will occur sometime between June and August.

CALIFORNIA JAPANESE AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please read the application instructions for a description of awards and eligibility requirements before completing this application. The deadline for submitting this application is **May 1, 2003**.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: (Last, First, MI):		Soc. sec. no.:
E-mail addresses:		
Date of birth:	Birthplace:	
Qualifying Japanese ancestry:		

Please list all e-mail addresses above where we can contact you if we have questions regarding your application.

**Current Residence:**

Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	Zip:

**Permanent Residence:**

Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	Zip:

Notification of the results of scholarship committee review will be mailed to your permanent residence unless otherwise indicated by you.

2. EDUCATION

<b>High School:</b>		Year graduated:
City:	State:	
<b>Current University:</b>		School year:
Major:	Degree Sought:	Year of completion:
<b>Campus next Fall:</b>		School year:
Major:	Degree Sought:	Year of completion:

College-level institutions attended to date	From	To	Major	Degree earned	GPA

### 3. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

- Entering freshmen: submit a **certified transcript** from your high school.
- Undergraduate and Graduate: Submit **certified transcripts** for all colleges/universities attended, including the latest Fall semester/Winter quarter.

Transcripts must remain sealed to be considered official.

### 4. SCHOLASTIC HONORS

List your scholastic honors and recognition received in college (or past two years), including any study programs:


### 5. COMMUNITY AND COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

List your participation in community and college activities (or high school senior year).


### 6. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List your post high school employment by date, citing any relevance to your studies.


### 7. AUTOBIOGRAPHY, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND CAREER OBJECTIVE

Submit a typed, double-spaced statement of no more than two pages explaining the connection between your career objectives, family background and track record of community activities and concerns. Explain briefly how you expect your college education to help you achieve your goals. If you have no community service activities, indicate how you plan to contribute to the community in the future. (Be specific and as concrete as possible.)

## 8. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Submit ONE letter of academic reference from a professor and ONE from a non-academic person who will provide some insight into your qualifications, character and achievements to date. The latter should be from a person who has known you for at least three years or served as your employer for at least six months.

## 9. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you would like the scholarship committee to take into account your financial need when reviewing your application, you must submit one of the following financial aid forms:

- FAFSA
- Financial Aid Statement submitted to the student's college or university.

If you are claimed as a dependent and consequently cannot obtain the financial aid documents above, you may submit a personal statement that describes your financial need (e.g. if you work to support yourself, please let us know).

Financial information is optional and is not required to complete this application.

## 10. APPLICATION PROCESSING

You must enclose one blank self-addressed stamped postcard. It will be mailed to you to confirm the receipt of your application

## 11. AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the CJAAA scholarships. All of the information I have submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:	Date:
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## DEADLINE

Applications are to be submitted by May 1, 2003. Applications must be postmarked no later than this date. Mail to:

California Japanese American Alumni Association,  
PO Box 15235,  
San Francisco, CA 94115-0235

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Yamada at (650) 802-0939, or send e-mail to [scholarships@cjaaa.org](mailto:scholarships@cjaaa.org).

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed and signed application. | <input type="checkbox"/> One letter of academic reference from a professor.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified transcripts.            | <input type="checkbox"/> One letter of reference from a non-academic person. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autobiography.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid forms (optional).                     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> One blank self-addressed stamped postcard.          |