



**JAPANESE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**2024 Scholarship Application**  
**Application Due April 25, 2024**

**PURPOSE**

Education is highly valued in Japanese culture and tradition. This high regard for education and educational opportunities is firmly rooted in the heritage of Japanese Americans and the mission of the JASC. Service to our community and others is an integral part and core value of the JASC. Combined with service to others, education becomes a tool to improve ourselves and our world. An important part of a good education is learning both the value and enjoyment that comes from participation in civic, charitable, and community activities. 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 improving 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 prior: 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**

Eligible applicants must meet each of the following requirements to receive a scholarship from the JASC:

1. Applicants' family or applicants themselves must have a current JASC membership. (<https://www.jasc-chicago.org/become-a-member/>)
2. Applicants must be enrolled on a full or part-time basis in an accredited school of advanced learning within the 2024-25 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 that includes all the required documents listed in application including 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; once for undergraduate and once for graduate studies. Previous JASC scholarship winners applying for a second award must demonstrate sustained service to others and exceptional community service.

## EVALUATION 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 in the pursuit of higher education. 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.

**Deadline: Application and transcript must be submitted by Thursday, April 25, 2024, 5:00 PM**

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

Applicants will be notified on or around May 31, 2024. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. Award recipients should plan to attend the award ceremony at JASC on **June 25, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. Families are invited and welcome to attend.

Contact JASC with questions: Jennifer Trautvetter  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date current school \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

College/University to attend in Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Prior degrees received:

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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### REQUIRED MATERIALS

Please submit the following required materials on supplemental pages with the applicant's name at the top of each page along with page numbers. Do not staple pages together but use paper clips or binders. All materials must be received for an application to be considered; applications with missing components will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

1. **Grades and Coursework:**

- Official sealed transcripts from high school or college
- List of academic honors and/or awards if applicable

2. **Extracurricular Activities:**

- List activities from the past four years and include the level or degree of the applicant's participation, length of time involved in the activity, leadership, and any accomplishments

3. **Community Service:**

- List of community service to Japanese American organizations and include level of participation, length of time involved, level of involvement, leadership, and accomplishments, etc.

4. **Essay:** A one-page essay on one of the following topics:

- How is JASC relevant to your life?
- How has JASC contributed to your sense of self or personal growth?
- How do you anticipate participation in JASC in the future?

5. **References:** A letter of reference from each of the following:

- A teacher/professor from the applicant's school; and
- An adult (not a family member) familiar with the applicant's service and participation in the Japanese American community.