



JAPANESE AMERICAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
2025 Scholarship Application
Application Due June 10, 2025

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 JASC. Education is learning the value and enjoyment that comes from participating in civic, charitable, and community activities. Such efforts not only help others but remind us of the importance of advancing broader societal goals.

As part of its efforts to preserve and promote a living legacy, JASC administers an annual scholarship program to support education beyond high school. These JASC scholarships provide financial assistance to students who have demonstrated both academic excellence and community service.

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

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. Memberships for students cost \$45 (<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 2025-26 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 form including a current transcript from their high school or college/university (official transcript preferred but not required).
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.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating scholarship applications:

1. Service to and participation in JASC and/or other Japanese American 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, June 10, 2025, 11:59 PM

Japanese American Service Committee
Scholarship Committee
5700 N. Lincoln Ave
Chicago, IL 60659

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications by emailing a PDF file of materials to programs@jasc-chicago.org. Reference letters may be emailed directly to the same email address.

Applicants will be notified on or around June 18, 2025. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final. Award recipients are encouraged to plan to attend the award ceremony at JASC's spring event Cranes and Cocktails on **June 26, 2025**.

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 2025 _____ (City/State) _____

Academic Major/Expected Degree _____

Expected graduation date _____ Class of _____

Prior degrees received:

Graduate of _____ (City/State) _____

Required Materials Checklist

1. _____ High school transcripts **OR** _____ College transcripts (official preferred but not required)
 _____ 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 a completed application form and 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. Emailing application materials to programs@jasc-chicago.org in PDF format is preferred to mailing materials to our office at 5700 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60659.

1. Grades and Coursework:

- Transcripts from high school or college (official copy preferred but not required)
- 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 service to Japanese American and/or other community 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 community.