

## Program Background

The JACL began its National Scholarship and Awards Program in 1946. The program currently offers over 30 scholarships to qualified students nationwide.

The National Scholarship and Awards Program offers scholarships for entering freshman, undergraduate, graduate, law, creative & performing arts students, and those with financial need. All scholarships are one-time awards.

## Eligibility

- 1) **Every applicant must be an active National JACL member at either an Individual or Student/Youth Level. Couple/Family membership by a parent will not meet this requirement.** Membership applications are available on our website [www.jacl.org/join.html](http://www.jacl.org/join.html). For more information about membership categories, please contact the JACL Membership Department by calling (415) 921-5225 or emailing Membership Assistant Tomiko Ismail at [tismail@jacl.org](mailto:tismail@jacl.org).
- 2) Applicants must be planning to attend fulltime at a college, university, trade school, business school, or any other institution of higher learning within the United States at the undergraduate or graduate school level in the Fall of 2015. Students deferring enrollment will not qualify for the 2015 scholarship program.
- 3) **Applicants may apply under only one scholarship category. The exception to this rule is that applicants may apply for consideration for the Student Aid Awards in addition to another category. However, a successful applicant will only receive the higher of the two awards applied for.**
- 4) Entering Freshman applicants must be high school seniors. Creative & Performing Arts applicants cannot be professional artists.
- 5) Past recipients of JACL National Scholarships or awards are limited to a total of **two** national awards.

## Application Materials

- 1) Only one application need be submitted to qualify for any of the awards listed in that same grade level category. Applications will be reviewed for award preferences noted in the brochure.
- 2) The following is a condensed list of supporting documents required to complete a JACL Scholarship Application: JACL Membership, Personal Statement, Letter of Recommendation, Official Transcripts including SAT and/or ACT test score verification, Work Experience, and JACL and Community Involvement.

**To obtain an application, students can download the appropriate application at the JACL website- [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org). Click on “Education” on the menu bar.**

## Calendar

Nov. 2014	Applications are available from National JACL Headquarters & the JACL website.
March 1, 2015	<b>Entering Freshman</b> applications must be postmarked no later than this date and mailed <u>directly to the local JACL chapter to which the student applicant belongs</u> . Do NOT mail applications to JACL Headquarters in San Francisco. Applications must be complete and accompanied by ALL supporting documents at the time of submission. To obtain the mailing address of your local chapter, contact the JACL Membership Department at (415) 921-5225 or by emailing Membership Assistant Tomiko Ismail at <a href="mailto:tismail@jacl.org">tismail@jacl.org</a> . Write “Chapter Scholarship Chair Address Requested” in the subject line of your email.
April 1, 2015	<b>All other applications</b> (undergrad, graduate, law, creative & performing arts, student aid) must be postmarked no later than this date and mailed <u>directly to the National JACL Scholarship Committee</u> (address provided on application.) Applications must be complete ( <u>3 copies</u> ) and accompanied by ALL supporting documents at the time of submission.

April 1, 2015	JACL chapters must submit only their most outstanding Freshman applications to the National Freshman Scholarship Committee, c/o San Diego JACL, 6917 Town View Lane, San Diego, CA 92120, postmarked no later than this date.
August 2015	Scholarship award recipients will be notified.

## Scholarship Categories & Descriptions

### Entering Freshman Awards

**Patricia and Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship** - Established by Harry K. and Tomoko Ishimoto, in memory of their two daughters who passed away together in an auto accident in January 1969. Both Patricia and Gail were students at Dorsey High School in Los Angeles.

**Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship** - Kenji Kasai was the long-time head of Nikko Kasai Securities located in San Francisco, California. As a prominent leader in the Japanese American community and an avid supporter of the JACL, Mr. Kasai was very active in the fight to obtain naturalization rights for the Issei (first generation).

**CWO 4 Mitsugi Murakami Kasai (Ret.) Memorial Scholarship** - This award was established by the estate of Mitsugi Murakami Kasai, aka "Casey," who was a dedicated and loyal soldier. An Army veteran, he graduated from the MIS language school and later underwent counter intelligence training. He served as a Special Agent in Japan, Okinawa, Vietnam, Korea and the U.S. As his parents aged, Mr. Kasai retired to tenderly care for them until their passing. He was a passionate crusader for the military, veterans and the Nikkei community. A man who rarely minced words, he was active with the MIS, JAVA, Go For Broke, JACL, JANM, NJAHS and the Salt Lake Japanese Christian Church.

**Mush and Haru Kuroiwa Scholarship** --Mush Kuroiwa, a longtime resident of Spokane, Washington, was a successful entrepreneur and leader in his Rotary Club. Haru, an active civic leader and volunteer, established this scholarship to honor her late husband and to help youth pursue their educational dreams. Mush and Haru are held in high regard and cherished by the community for their dedication to helping others. They believe that education and giving back to their community are the foundation to one's success and happiness.

**Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship** - This award was established by the estate of Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara. Mr. Kuwahara, a resident of Los Angeles, was a well-known investment and securities broker in Little Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Kuwahara believed in the value of education and wished to support and inspire the youth of our community in pursuing their educational dreams.

**Sam & Florice Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship was created in 2009, upon the passing of Florice Kuwahara by the terms of her Trust. Sam and Florice Kuwahara were active in farming in the Livingston, California area and its local JACL chapter. Although they had no children of their own, Sam and Florice believed in the importance of education for the young.

**Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship** - This award was established in 1975 by Takashi and Yuriko Moriuchi. Mr. Moriuchi, a successful fruit farmer, is the past New Jersey State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration and Mrs. Moriuchi, a respected professor of *ikebana*, served as president of the American Guild of Flower Arrangers.

**Paul & Katherine Ohtaki Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship was established by the estate of Paul and Katherine Ohtaki. Mr. Ohtaki, a resident of San Francisco, was a successful businessman dedicated to the Nikkei community, filling many positions on boards and committees with his gentle touch and dignified leadership. While a teenager incarcerated behind barbed wire during World War II, he wrote articles for his hometown newspaper on Bainbridge Island to ensure his former Island neighbors knew what was happening to Japanese Americans who were forcibly removed from their homes. Mr. Ohtaki is featured in the book titled "In Defense of Our Neighbors."

**Hanayagi Rokumie Memorial Japanese Cultural Scholarship** - This award was established in 2006 in memory of Hanayagi Rokumie, a noted teacher of Japanese classical dance. This award shall be made to a student who excels in any Japanese cultural activity, such as: *nihon buyo* (Japanese classical dance), Japanese classical instruments (*shamisen, koto, shakuhachi, taiko*), *ikebana* (flower arrangement), *chado* (tea ceremony), or Japanese martial arts (*aikido, karate, judo kendo, etc.*).

*Shigeki "Shake" Ushio Memorial Leadership Scholarship* - This award was established in 2005 by the Ushio Family. In 1943, to assist Japanese Americans whose assets had been frozen or restricted during World War II, Shake Ushio helped found the National JACL Credit Union. He was chairman of the board for the Credit Union for over thirty years. This award shall be made to a student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities.

*Deni & June Uejima Memorial Scholarship* – The Uejimas were very committed to the Japanese American community. They were long-time members of the San Gabriel Valley JACL, where Deni served multiple terms as the chapter president. They bequeathed this endowment to the JACL as a means to reach out to the community's young leaders to both assist and inspire them.

## Undergraduate Awards

*Kyutaro & Yasuo Abiko Memorial Scholarship* - This award was established to honor Kyutaro Abiko and his son Yasuo Abiko. Kyutaro, an Issei, challenged the movement that would have excluded immigration from Japan, and he also worked to establish Japanese Americans in the farming industry. He would later buy and develop what would become the leading Japanese-immigrant newspaper in the U.S. Yasuo, a Nisei, took over the newspaper, which added an English-language section, and served as editor of the Nichi Bei Times, which was based in San Francisco. Preference for this award shall be given to a student studying journalism or agriculture.

*Alice Yuriko Endo Memorial Scholarship* - Established by the Endo Family, Alice Yuriko Endo was an active member of the Washington D.C. JACL Chapter. An avid supporter of social causes, Mrs. Endo and her son, Todd, proudly took part in the legendary and historic Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C. Preference for this scholarship shall be given to a student residing in the Eastern District Council and/or a student with an interest in public and social service.

*Kenji Kajiwara Memorial Scholarship* – This scholarship was established as a perpetual trust by Mrs. Chibako Kajiwara in memory of her husband, Kenji. Mr. and Mrs. Kajiwara deeply believed in the value and necessity of higher education to discover, encourage and develop the inherent potential of our youth.

*Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship* - A founder of the JACL, Saburo Kido was one of the architects of the National JACL structure and its constitution. Mr. Kido's service to the JACL spanned over fifty years, during which he served as National President during the harrowing years of World War II and the incarceration of Japanese Americans.

*Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship* - This award was established by the estate of Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara. Mr. Kuwahara, a resident of Los Angeles, was a well-known investment and securities broker in Little Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Kuwahara believed in the value of education and wished to support and inspire the youth of our community in pursuing their educational dreams.

*Shigeru "Shig" Nakahira Memorial Scholarship* - This memorial award was established by the Nakahira Family in 2009. A long-time JACL member, Shigeru Nakahira has been described as a good and helpful friend. He was a member of the famed 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, a capable accountant, an excellent bowler, and a quiet doer of good deeds. In 2011, the Japanese American veterans of the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, our nation's highest civilian honor bestowed by Congress.

*Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship* - This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, the first person elected National President of the JACL.

## Law Scholarships

*Grace Andow Memorial Scholarship* – Grace Andow, a longtime member of the Cleveland JACL Chapter, established this scholarship in her will. She was a wedding planner, who later studied and became a legal secretary. She was a devoted JACLer, who lent her enthusiasm and ability to the organization, and volunteered almost all of her spare time to supporting the JACL.

*Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Scholarship* -The Eastern District Council established this award to memorialize and honor Thomas T. Hayashi, an outstanding Nisei civil rights advocate and attorney in international law. It was Mr. Hayashi's philosophy to encourage other Nikkei to enter the legal profession as a means of securing justice for the disadvantaged.

*Sho Sato Memorial Scholarship* - Sho Sato, a professor of law at the University of California at Berkeley, was one of the nation's most prominent scholars of local governmental law. Mr. Sato was also known and recognized as a leading figure in promoting relations between law schools in Japan and the United States.

*Mary Reiko Osaka Memorial Scholarship* – Mary Reiko Osaka was a graduate of the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She was a pioneer and trailblazer, serving as the first Asian American woman to serve as district counsel for the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service.

## Graduate Awards

***Magoichi & Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship*** - Originally from Peru, the Kato Family settled in Los Angeles, California where they owned a successful grocery business. This award was established by Mrs. Kato in memory of her husband. Preference for this award shall be given to a student planning a career in medicine or the ministry.

***Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship*** - This award was established by the estate of Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara. Mr. Kuwahara, a resident of Los Angeles, was a well-known investment and securities broker in Little Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Kuwahara believed in the value of education and wished to support and inspire the youth of our community in pursuing their educational dreams.

***Railroad and Mine Workers Memorial Scholarship*** - Established by the families of Japanese American railroad and mine workers to pay tribute to the lives of these Issei and Nisei pioneers. This scholarship memorializes the story of these workers, who were fired from their jobs after the outbreak of World War II, and their children's successful fight for recognition and justice decades later.

***Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial Scholarship*** - A graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, Dr. Sonoda established a successful dental practice in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Sonoda was an active member of the JACL beginning in 1945. He was one of the first life members of the JACL's One Thousand Club and a past president of the West Los Angeles JACL Chapter. This scholarship is restricted to students studying in the field of dentistry.

***Chiyo and Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship*** - Mr. Shimazaki was an active member of the Greater Los Angeles JACL Chapter. It was Mr. Shimazaki who sensitized and educated the national organization to the issues and concerns confronting Nikkei singles. This award shall be given to a student planning a career in the medical field.

***Reverend H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship*** - Reverend H. John Yamashita, prior to World War II, was pastor of the Oakland West 10th Methodist Church. A native of Oakland, California, Reverend Yamashita founded a hostel for Japanese Americans returning to the West Coast following their unjust wartime incarceration. He would later serve as pastor at the Centenary Methodist Church in Los Angeles, until his retirement in 1966.

***Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship*** - A fearless civil rights advocate and attorney, Minoru Yasui was one of four Nisei who challenged the United States Government for its unjust imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II. After the war, Mr. Yasui practiced law and served as legal counsel on dozens of community issues. In 1979, Mr. Yasui was appointed chair of the JACL Committee on Redress, for which he traveled extensively around the country advocating for redress and reparations. Preference for this scholarship shall be given to students with a strong interest in human and civil rights. Fields of study may include sociology, law or education.

## Special Awards

***Abe and Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Award*** - Abe Hagiwara was the initial recipient of the JACL's highest membership honor, "The JACLer of the Biennium." He served JACL in numerous capacities, including governor of the Midwest District Council. He was noted for his human relations work and for his strong interest in promoting youth involvement in the JACL. He served as a mentor to many young people, who went on to become leaders of the organization. Esther Hagiwara was equally active in the JACL, working for many years as the assistant in the JACL's Midwest District Office.

***Dr. George Goro and Nettie Muramoto Memorial Scholarship*** - Dr. and Mrs. Muramoto were longtime residents of Sacramento, CA. Goro graduated from UC Berkeley and UCSF School of Dentistry. He served as president of the Sacramento JACL from 1941-1943. He, along with his chapter board, provided leadership and guidance to the local Japanese American community during a time of great prejudice and injustice. Guided by the Yamato-damashi spirit, Goro strived for the American dream of equality, human dignity and happiness for all. Nettie was raised in Stockton, CA. She was one of the first Nisei (second generation JA) on the California State payroll in the mid-1930s as a stenographer at the DMV in Sacramento. She lived her life with dignity, grace and kindness. Preference for this award shall be a student who demonstrates financial need and/or is a graduate student.

*Aiko Susanna Tashiro Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship* – This scholarship was established to honor the memory of pianist Aiko Hiratsuka. This scholarship shall be awarded to a student studying in the performing arts. Professional artists are not eligible to apply.

*Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Award* - Established by the National JACL to encourage and support the study of the creative and performing arts. Professional artists are not eligible to apply.