

2017 Fresno JACL Scholarships

The Fresno Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are planning to enter an accredited college or university, to continuing undergraduate students who are enrolled in a program at an accredited college or university leading to an undergraduate degree or to graduate students at an accredited college or university. The following are possible scholarships that may be awarded in the spring of 2017.

Masao and Hana Kimura Scholarship - The Kimuras owned and operated a grocery store in West Fresno for over 30 years. Since a large number of customers at the store were of Japanese-American descent, Hana Kimura made it preferable that the scholarship be made to a Japanese-American student. It is \$2,000 paid in four \$500 annual installments, available only to entering freshmen with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Miyahara/Kusakai Scholarship - This \$1000 scholarship was established by the Miyahara and Kusakai families in memory of Hiro and Day Kusakai's son. The Kusakais are Thousand Life Club members. Hiro Kusakai was a past president of the Fresno JACL.

Dr. Henry Kazato Memorial Scholarship - The original scholarship program began at the urging of Dr. Kazato in 1977 and was established by the Kazato Family. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a student interested in the medical field.

Barbara and Izumi Taniguchi Scholarship – This scholarship was established by the Fresno Chapter Scholarship Fund. Barbara and Izumi Taniguchi were both past Fresno Chapter Presidents. Izumi Taniguchi passed away several years ago. Barbara continues to be a Thousand Club Member. The \$1,000 scholarship is now funded by the Fresno Chapter Scholarship Fund and from contributions by the Taniguchi Family.

Fred Y. and Setsu Hirasuna Scholarship – This scholarship was established by the Fresno Chapter's scholarship fund in honor of Fred Y. Hirasuna. Fred was a past president. Before JACL was established as a national organization Fred was an active member of the Fresno American Loyalty League which subsequently became the Fresno Chapter of JACL. This \$1,000 scholarship is now funded by the Fresno Chapter Scholarship Fund and from contributions by Setsu Hirasuna and family.

The Bertha and John Garabedian Foundation Scholarship 2017 - This is a \$500 merit scholarship presented through the Garabedian Foundation.

Scholarship Applications may be downloaded at the Fresno JACL Website: <http://www.fresnojacl.org> Information regarding the application process is on the application.

NOTE:

Applicants may also be eligible to apply for scholarships available through the **Central California District Council of JACL** as well as the **JACL National Scholarship Program** Information can be found on the Fresno JACL website: <http://www.fresnojacl.org> and the National website: <https://jacl.org/jacl-national-scholarship-program/>

**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
FRESNO CHAPTER
2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

<http://www.fresnojacl.org/>

Please type or print in ink

APPLICANT

Last First Middle

Address City State Zip

Telephone Email Date of Birth Social Security No

Name and Address of Current School

Name and Address of Parent(s)/Guardian JACL Chapter

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Write a minimum 200 word autobiography (typed, double spaced). Please attach a small photograph of yourself. In your writing, please answer the questions below.

1. At which college/university do you plan to enroll or are currently attending?
2. What major field of interest do you plan to pursue and why did you choose this field of study?
3. How has your volunteerism or civic engagement aligned with the mission of the Japanese American Citizens League and/or impacted the Japanese American community?
4. What are your short and long term goals?

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Please attach a copy of your official school transcript or evidence of current academic performance. Please indicate any scholastic honors or special recognition that you may have earned including the years that you received them.

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Please list the school, work, and community activities in which you have been an active participant, i.e. student government, athletics, music, drama, clubs/organizations, volunteer, etc. Please include any positions held in clubs, activities or organizations and the years of involvement.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please ask an individual familiar with you to submit a letter of recommendation. This person may be a teacher, neighbor, employer, or family friend. Please address the following: the applicant's

character, achievements, responsibilities, leadership or any other qualities that you feel significant regarding this student.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please note: You do not need to complete this form unless you wish to be considered for the financial aid scholarship. This section will be confidential and will only be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

EXPECTED EXPENSES:

Tuition	\$
Room/Board	\$
Books/Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$

EXPECTED FIANCIAL RESOURCES

Parents	\$
Grants	\$
Scholarships	\$
Student Loans	\$
Personal Savings	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$

Please list any other dependents (with their respective ages), besides yourself, who your parents claim as tax exemptions. Also indicate if they are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in college concurrently with you.

If you or your family has any financial hardship(s) that the Scholarship Committee should consider, please explain.

Students must also submit a copy of the FAFSA or a copy of the Financial Aid Statement submitted to the student's college or university.

I certify that the information submitted herewith is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail completed applications to:

Fresno JACL

P.O. Box 27485

Fresno, CA 93729-7485

Attention: Scholarship Committee

Applications should be postmarked no later than **April 1, 2017.**

For more information, please call Jody Hironaka-Juteau at (559) 298-8302 (home) or 278-6807 (work) or email jhironak@csufresno.edu

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

The Nation's Oldest and Largest Asian Pacific Education and Civil Rights Organization

The JACL voices its concerns and initiates social change for the Asian Pacific Communities. Membership is about supporting something you believe in. As a non profit organization, the JACL provides leadership on a national level for many issues that affect the lives of Japanese Americans and Asian Americans. Some of the many programs include:

- Advocating for tougher federal hate crime legislation
- Leadership development – Washington D.C. Leadership Conference, Mike Masaoka Fellowships, e-Mentoring, Min Yasui Oratorical Contest, National Youth Council
- Community Involvement – Five regional offices and 112 chapters across the nation offering assistance to communities
- Education – National and Local Scholarships, legacy grants for chapter projects, and curriculum guides on the Japanese American experience.
- A website to communicate current issues and rally grassroots participation – www.jacl.org
- JACL Action Alerts email distribution: JACL_action_alerts-subscribe@yahoo.com

Current membership benefits include a subscription to the Pacific Citizen and Hertz Rental Car discounts.

You are also eligible for the following programs:

- JACL National Credit Union
- JACL Blue Shield Health Insurance (CA only)
- Marsh Affinity Group Services (Customized Major Medical (non-CA residents), Catastrophic Major Medical, Long Term Care Plan, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Short Term Medical Plan, Term Life Insurance, Personal Accident Insurance, Cancer Care Protection Plan)

FRESNO CHAPTER JACL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr./Mrs./Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Spouse's Name (if applicable)
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Home/Cell Phone	Work Phone	Email address
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MARK CATEGORY DESIRED

Regular Memberships		Supporting Memberships	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership	\$65	<input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple	\$110	<input type="checkbox"/> Century Club	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club	\$1,000
		<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Thousand/Century	\$32

- I am interested participating in the
- Shinzen Run Committee
 - Health and Wellness Fair Committee
 - Issei Vintage Garden
 - Birthday Party Committee
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Board of Directors

**Send to Fresno JACL
P.O. Box 27485
Fresno, CA 93729-7485
Attention: Scholarship Committee**