

## 2023 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 2023.

**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 \$5,000 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.

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**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/>

**When completing the scholarship form, you can create an electronic signature. Open the PDF document. On the toolbar select this icon below to type, draw or upload an image of your signature.**



JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
FRESNO CHAPTER  
2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
<http://www.fresnojacl.org/>  
Please type or print in ink

**APPLICANT**

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<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>		
<b>Address</b>		<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Social Security No.</b>	

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**Name and Address of Current School**

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<b>Name and Address of Parent(s)/Guardian</b>	<b>JACL Chapter</b>
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**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 chose this field of study?
3. How has your volunteerism or civic engagement aligned with the mission of the Japanese American Citizens League and/or the Japanese American community?
4. What are your short and long-term goals?

**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

Please have an official copy of your high school or university transcripts emailed to Randy Aoki, JACL Fresno Chapter Scholarship Chair, at [raoki@csufresno.edu](mailto:raoki@csufresno.edu) and 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 Attention: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 27485, Fresno, CA 93729-7485. Applications should be postmarked no later than April 21, 2023.

For more information, please contact: Randy Aoki, Scholarship Chair at 559/832-6945.

# 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, 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](http://www.jacl.org)
- JACL Action Alerts email distribution: JACL\_action\_alerts-subscribe@yahoo.com

Current membership benefits include a subscription to the Pacific Citizen. You are also eligible for the following programs:

- Free admission to the Japanese American National Museum;
- JACL National Credit Union; and
- JACL programs, scholarships, internships, fellowships, Kakehashi (an experiential trip to Japan), and leadership programs.

## FRESNO CHAPTER JACL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

### MARK CATEGORY DESIRED

#### Regular Memberships

- ( ) Regular Membership \$65.
- ( ) Couple \$110.
- ( ) Student \$30.

#### Supporting Memberships

- ( ) Thousand Club \$200.
- ( ) Century Club \$350.
- ( ) Millennium Club \$1,000.
- ( ) Spouse of Thousand/Century \$32.

I am interested participating in the ( ) Health and Wellness Fair Committee; ( ) Issei Vintage Garden; ( ) Birthday Party Committee; ( ) Scholarship Committee; ( ) Board of Directors

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