**2026 CCDC-JACL SCHOLARSHIPS**
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Central California District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League (CCDC-JACL) awards scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are planning to enter college or university in the following semester. The following scholarships are available for 2026:

***Tom Shimasaki Memorial Scholarship ($500)***
***Issei Memorial Scholarship ($500)***
***CCDC-JACL Scholarship ($500)***
***Miyahara-Kusakai Scholarship ($1,000)***

## FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS

In an effort to help our young people realize the gift of higher education, CCDC-JACL awards up to four (4) monetary scholarships based on the following criteria:

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| ***Financial Need*** | ***40%*** |
| ***Scholarship*** | ***25%*** |
| ***Extra Curricular Activities*** | ***25%*** |
| ***JACL Involvement*** | ***10%*** |

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

In recognition of the scholarship and citizenship contributions made by our young people to their schools and communities, CCDC-JACL awards up to four (4) monetary scholarships. These awards will be based on the following criteria:

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| ***Scholarship*** | ***40%*** |
| ***Extra Curricular Activities*** | ***50%*** |
| ***JACL Involvement*** | ***10%*** |

## ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be a student member of any of the chapters within the Central California District Council (CCDC) JACL. JACL membership is open to all and student membership rates are available.

## DEADLINE

Application forms and supporting documents should be sent to the following address, **postmarked no later than April 17, 2026**.

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

**For more information please contact**: Randy Aoki, Scholarship Chair at raoki@mail.fresnostate.edu.

# 2026 CCDC-JACL Scholarship Application

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name (last, first, middle)**

**Permanent Address**

**Phone Number / Email Address** **JACL Chapter** **JACL Membership ID#**

## B. ACADAMIC PERFORMANCE (TRANSCRIPTS)

Please submit a copy of your high school or university transcripts with your application.

## C. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please respond to the following question: The JACL handbook, *The Power of Words*, acknowledges and corrects misleading language that attempts to make the Japanese American incarceration during World War II acceptable to the American public. As a resource that more accurately and fairly tells the story, *The Power of Words* seeks to prevent such a tragedy from happening again. How have words and language shaped your own identity? How can more accurate and positive language be used to improve dialogue in your school or community?

**Limit your statement to 2 pages or less. Please type and double-space on a separate attachment.**

https://jacl.org/power-of-words

## D. SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS

Please list all scholarships and academic awards that you have received. Indicate for each, the year in which you received the award**. DO NOT EXCEED THE FRONT OF ONE PAGE. PLEASE TYPE AND DOUBLESPACE on a separate attachment.**

## E. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**1. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & WORK HISTORY** Please list all campus activities, indicating the year of the activity, leadership positions held and awards received. Also list dates and job titles of all work experience. DO NOT EXCEED THE FRONT OF ONE PAGE. PLEASE TYPE AND DOUBLE-SPACE on a separate attachment.

**2. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please list all community and Asian American community involvement. Indicate years of participation, position held and awards received**.** DO NOT EXCEED THE FRONT OF ONE PAGE. PLEASE TYPE AND DOUBLE-SPACE on a separate attachment.

## F. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, school administrator, employer or community leader. The letter of recommendation must be submitted with this application.

## G. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please note: this form is confidential and will only be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

| **EXPECTED EXPENSES:** | | **EXPECTED FINANCIAL RESOURCES** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuition | $_____ | Parents | $_____ |
| Room & Board | $_____ | Grants/Scholarships | $_____ |
| Books/Supplies | $_____ | Student Loans | $_____ |
| Transportation | $_____ | Personal Savings | $_____ |
| Miscellaneous | $_____ | Other | $_____ |
| Other | $_____ | | |
| Total Expenses | $_____ | 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 the space below or in a separate attachment.

Students must also submit a copy of one of the following financial aid forms: **FAFSA or a copy of the Financial Aid Statement submitted to the student's college or university.**

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*I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the National JACL Scholarship and Awards Program. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke any rights to an award. If for any reason I do not matriculate at a post-secondary school, I will forfeit any rights to an award.*

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Signature of Applicant Date

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 2026 CCDC-JACL Scholarship Application, Academic Performance (copy of transcripts), Personal Statement, Scholarships/Honors List, Extra Curricular Activities and a Letter of Recommendation and a copy of your FAFSA (if applicable).**