

**NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**

**GEORGE J. INAGAKI CHAPTER CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
2022 GUIDELINES**

The George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award was established by the Venice-Culver JACL at the 20th Biennial National Convention in 1968. This award is given in honor of George Inagaki, a past National JACL President, for his many years of unremitting efforts and outstanding dedication to the National organization.

As the title indicates, this is a chapter award, and the promotion of better citizenship is the purpose of this recognition. "Better citizenship" is defined as chapter participation in activities that may be social, civic, educational, environmental or legislative that result in the betterment of society as a whole.

The Venice-Culver JACL raises and administers the fund for this award, and has delegated the selection of the recipient to the National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee. A commemorative plaque and a check for \$500 will be presented to the JACL chapter selected for this honor.

The completed form must be returned **postmarked or time stamped** before **midnight May 31, 2022**.

Submitto: National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee  
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**George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award Recipients:**

1970	Contra Costa Fresno West Los Angeles	1982	San Mateo	2004	Watsonville-Santa Lake Washington
1972	Seattle Contra Costa Puyallup Valley	1984	Seattle	2006	Portland
1974	West Valley Salt Lake City Seattle	1986	Portland Seattle	2008	Portland
1976	Salt Lake City	1988	Seattle New York City	2010	Watsonville-Santa
1978	Seattle Sacramento St. Louis San Mateo	1990	Seattle San Francisco	2012	
1980	Spokane Contra Costa West Valley Detroit	1992	Honolulu San Jose	2014	Seattle
		1994	Honolulu	2016	Seattle Chicago
		1996	Florin	2018	Seattle
		1998	SELANACO	2020	Seattle
		2000	Seattle Florin		
		2002	Arizona Seattle		

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***COMMITTEE GUIDELINES***

The National JAACL Awards & Recognitions Committee will evaluate applications on the basis of:

- (1) Worthiness of purpose
- (2) Chapter and community participation
- (3) Benefits derived by the community or the JAACL
- (4) Chapter accomplishments relative to its size

Each of the major factors will be broken into the following sub-factors:

**1. *Worthiness of purpose (60 points)***

**1.1 *Impact (1-20 points)***

The application should discuss in significant detail the program(s) and the goals that were intended to be achieved. Programs consistent with the goals of the Program for Action will be considered for a higher evaluation factor. Programs with a national impact will also be considered for a higher evaluation factor.

**1.2 *Obstacles (1-20 points)***

The nomination should describe the obstacles the chapter had to overcome to successfully carry out its activities. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have had to overcome extreme obstacles, for example, advocacy of human rights in an extremely hostile environment where little assistance can be received from other JAACL chapters or other organizations, or where major fundraising was required.

**1.3 *Relevance (1-20 points)***

Chapter programs will be evaluated for relevance in relation to their community. Programs that directly address pressing needs within their communities will be considered for a higher evaluation factor.

**2. *Chapter and Community Participation (50 points)***

**2.1 *Mobilization (1-25 points)***

The chapter should describe the degree to which the chapter and the community were mobilized. Maximum points will be given to chapter efforts where multiple organizations were actively utilized on a local, regional and/or national basis. Minimum points will be awarded to chapters where only a small percentage of chapter members were actively involved in the program.

**2.2 *Initiative and Leadership (1-25 points)***

The program/activity will be evaluated based on the degree to which the program proactively addressed issues in the community. Chapters that addressed a need by independent identification, analysis, planning and implementation will be considered for a higher evaluation factor. Programs established as a reaction to a problem will be awarded less points. Few, if any points, will be awarded for programs where the chapter demonstrated that they served as a passive participant.

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**3. *Benefits derived by the community and the JACL (40 points)***

**3.1 *Direct Results (1-25 points)***

The chapter should discuss the direct benefits obtained from the program/activity. The description should indicate the degree to which the goals of the program were met. Maximum points will be awarded to programs/activities that demonstrated success in meeting the goals sought.

**3.2 *Indirect Results (1-15 points)***

The chapter should discuss the indirect and unanticipated benefits obtained from the program. For example, an indirect benefit may be an increase in membership for a program whose goal was not specifically meant to increase membership.

**4. *Chapter Viability (50 points)***

**4.1 *Chapter Board (1-10 points)***

The chapter will be evaluated based on the degree of active participation by the chapter board. Chapter boards with at least 80% attendance will be considered for maximum points.

**4.2 *Newsletter (1-10 points)***

The chapter should describe the frequency and quality of its newsletter. Chapters with at least a quarterly newsletter that does more than just announce chapter activities will be considered for maximum points.

**4.3 *Chapter Scholarships (1-10 points)***

The chapter should describe its scholarship program. Chapters with an active scholarship committee and which presents awards each year to more than five (5) individuals will be considered for maximum points.

**4.4 *Membership Growth (1-15 points)***

The chapter that has increased its membership by the highest percentage in comparison to other Inagaki Award applicants will be considered for maximum points. Other chapters will receive points based on their relative positive increase in membership. Points will only be awarded to chapters with a positive increase in membership.

**4.5 *Elections and Succession Planning (1-5 points)***

Chapters with regular elections where at least 20% of the board consists of members who have not previously served on the chapter board, and where those new board members have been selected for leadership positions on the basis of a formal succession program will be considered for maximum points.

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*52nd National Convention*  
**George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award**  
*2021-2022 Nomination Form*

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Nomination should not exceed 30 pages total.

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT  
COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHAPTER DESCRIPTION:**

1. Membership: 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of chapter officers and board members: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of chapter board meetings 2020-2021: \_\_\_\_\_

Average number of officers and board members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Primary area from which chapter members are drawn: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimated total population of area: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Japanese American population: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Other JACL chapter(s) covering the same or overlapping area: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:**

**CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:**

DATE	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
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**CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

DATE	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
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**CHAPTER SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS:**

DATE	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME
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**CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY REPORT**

In addition to the completion of this form attach a Citizenship Activity Report for *up to five* of the most outstanding citizenship-type programs or projects initiated or carried out by the chapter during the period April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2022. These programs will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Worthiness of purpose
2. Chapter and community participation
3. Benefits derived by the community or JAACL

For more specific information, refer to the 2022 committee guidelines.

*Please use the following format:*

1. Describe activity.
2. State the purpose of the activity
3. Describe how the chapter organized the activity, including the background
4. Describe what objectives the activity accomplished
5. Describe the significance of the activity
6. Include any additional remarks or comments

Period of activity (beginning date – end date): \_\_\_\_\_