

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

JAPANESE AMERICAN OF THE BIENNIUM 2022 GUIDELINES

The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is the highest public award of the National JACL. The National JACL has presented this recognition to an American of Japanese ancestry at each biennial national convention since 1950. This honor will be awarded to at least one, and up to three (3) individuals, in recognition of distinguished achievement or community leadership. Travel expenses to the national convention in **Las Vegas, NV** and hotel accommodations for the night of the Sayonara Banquet, **Saturday August 6, 2022** will be provided for each of the recipients by National JACL.

Purpose of the Award:

The JACL recognizes and honors those Americans of Japanese ancestry whose outstanding achievements in different fields of endeavor have received regional and national recognition and whose contributions have added to the sum of human knowledge and/or enhanced the quality of life in our society.

Award Criteria:

Candidates may be from any of the 50 states and its territories. Candidates need NOT be members of the JACL. Key consideration will be given to the extent to which the candidate's contributions or achievements have made an impact upon society and/or influenced an area of American life. The scope of the award may include expanded periods beyond the two years of the biennium or lifetime contributions.

Award Categories:

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. Candidates from at least one, but no more than three, of the following fields will be selected:

- (1) Arts/Literature/Communications (artists, writers, photographers, architects, musicians, performers, designers, etc.)
- (2) Business/Industry/Technology (corporate executives, bankers, import/exporters, inventors, entrepreneurs, engineers, developers, astronauts, agriculturists, etc.)
- (3) Education/Humanities (educators, humanists, community activists, clergy, etc.)
- (4) Political/Public Affairs/Law (elected officials, government administrators, attorneys, diplomats, judges, etc.)
- (5) Medicine/Science (scientists, physicians, researchers, nurses, optometrists, etc.)
- (6) Sports/All other fields (Olympic winners, champion athletes, etc.), and unique professions and occupations.

Nominations of candidates must be submitted on an official Nomination Form and must be returned postmarked or time stamped before midnight **May 31, 2022**.

Return to: **National JACL Awards & Recognition**
 c/ o Travis Nishi
 1435 Chennault Ave.
 Clovis, CA 93611
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1. Nominations may be submitted by chapters, districts or by an individual JACL member with appropriate documentation.
2. Nominations should be accompanied by a statement on a single piece of 8½” x 11” paper with margins no smaller than 1” (top, bottom and sides), and in a font size no smaller than 10 points, from the nominator stating:
 - (a) qualifications of the nominee not contained in the application form; and
 - (b) specific reference as to how the nominator feels the individual has met or exceeds the award criteria.
3. The number of letters of recommendation should not exceed five (5).
4. Three (3) photos of the nominee must be included. Preferably head/shoulder portrait, suitable for reproduction.
5. All news articles, documents or clippings must be photocopied; do not send originals.
6. The nominee **MUST** be consulted before the nomination is submitted to avoid any withdrawals during the selection process.

Past Winners - Japanese American of the Biennium

1950	Mike Masaoka	1986	Ellison Onizuka	2002	Wayne Nakamura
1952	Min Yasui	1988	Sue Embrey		Daniel Tani
1954	Hiroshi Miyamura		Yoshiko Uchida		Lindsey Yamasaki
1956	George J. Inagaki		Grayce Uyehara	2004	Jeanne Wakatsuki-Hou
1958	Bill Hosokawa	1990	Ronald Takaki		Paul Igasaki
1960	Daniel K. Inouye		Steven Okazaki		Tom Ikeda
1962	Minoru Yamasaki		Robert T. Matsui	2006	Cedar Grove Productions (Chris Tashima & Tim Toyama)
1964	Henry Y. Kasai	1992	Tomio Moriguchi		Dale Ikeda
1966	Patsy T. Mink		Kristi Yamaguchi	2008	Tetsuden Kashima
1968	Norman Y. Mineta	1994	Jerry Enomoto		Stuart Ishimaru
1970	Paul I. Terasaki		Evelyn Nakao Glenn	2010	Richard Morimoto
1972	Spark M. Matsunaga		Yoshihiro Uchida	2012	Seattle Nisei Veterans Commi Seattle NVC Foundation
1974	Raymond Uno	1996	Yuri Kochiyama		Frank S. Fujii
1976	Michi Weglyn		George Takei	2014	Marsha Aizumi
1978	K. Patrick Okura		George Tsutakawa		Lawson Sakai
1980	Harvey A. Itano	1998	Aki Kurose	2016	Dan and June Kuramoto
	Minoru Masuda		Shigeki Ushio		Carole Hayashino
	George K. Nakashima		Peter Westbrook		Delphine Hirasu
1982	Harry Kitano	2000	Gordon Hirabayashi	2018	Harriet Beleal
1984	Yori Wada		Mike Honda		Diane Narasaki
	George Ariyoshi		Paul Akio Kawata		Lynne Nishijima Ward
	Isamu Noguchi				

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The 2022 National Awards & Recognition Committee will be utilizing the following specific criteria in evaluating nominations.

1. *Impact (1-25 points)*
The proposal should describe the impact that the nominee has had in the organization. A nominee whose efforts have had a national impact would be considered for the maximum number of points.
2. *Quality of Life (1-20 points)*
The nomination should describe the degree to which the nominee has enhanced the quality of life in society.
3. *Influenced an Area (1-20 points)*
The nomination should describe the degree to which the nominee's life, or work, has influenced his/her particular field.
4. *Human Knowledge (1-15 points)*
The nomination should describe the degree to which the nominee's life, or work, has added to the sum of human knowledge.
5. *Obstacles (1-15 points)*
The nomination should describe the obstacles the nominee has had to overcome in their activities. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have had to overcome extreme obstacles: for example, the advocacy of human rights in an extremely hostile environment or starting out alone and building a movement.
6. *Period of Work (1-5 points)*
The nomination should describe the scope of the nominee's work during the past biennium, or over time)

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2021-2022 Nomination Form

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The Japanese American of the Biennium Award is presented to individuals who have received local, regional and national recognition for contributions that have enhanced the quality of life in our society. Each biennium, up to three (3) individuals will receive the award, with no more than one from each of the following categories listed below.

Candidates may be from any of the 50 United States and its territories. Candidates need NOT be JACL members. Those who have been JA of the Biennium honorees in the past may not be nominated again.

Only one candidate will be named as the finalist in any one field. The National Awards & Recognitions Committee reserves the right to make the final determination as to the appropriate category.

Categories (please check only one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Literature/Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry/Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/> Political/Public Affairs/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine/Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports/All other fields

General Information about the Candidate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone: () ()
Daytime Evening

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Employer (if applicable): _____

**JAPANESE AMERICAN OF THE BIENNIUM
2021-2022 NOMINATION FORM**

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

1. List all achievements and activities of the candidate, which specifically qualify him/her for the Japanese American of the Biennium Award in the field of: _____.
2. List background achievements and relevant activities of the candidate, which supplement his/her qualifications in this field.
3. List any honors or special recognition (degrees, elective professional societies, awards, fellowships, appointments, etc.) along with the date of each recognition.
4. List organizations (professional, religious, civic, charitable, labor, veterans, JAACL, etc.) in which the candidate has been active or has held office. Specify the candidate's contributions in each capacity.
5. Submit a statement by nominator, not more than 250 words, regarding:
 - a. how the candidate's contributions have made an impact upon, or influenced others, along with supporting statements as to why the nominee's qualifications fulfill the award criteria.
 - b. qualifications of the candidate not covered elsewhere in the application.

Please include copies (not originals) of any news clippings or other supporting data and no more than five (5) letters of recommendation, along with 3 photos (preferably head/shoulder portrait, suitable for reproduction) of the nominee. Nomination packets should not exceed 30 pages total.

Please indicate the total number of pages in your nomination packet: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name (please print)

District

Chapter

Address:

City

State

Zip

Email

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

Signature

Date

For Committee Use Only