

Japanese American Citizens League 2012 National Scholarship Program Guidelines

The 2012 National JACL Scholarship Program informational brochure and applications are now posted on the National JACL website (www.jacl.org). The scholarship categories are Freshman, Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative & Performing Arts, and Financial Aid.

All Freshman applications must be submitted to the applicant's chapter and postmarked by March 1, 2012. Each Chapter must then forward, postmarked by April 1, 2012, their "outstanding" applicants to:

2012 JACL National Freshman Scholarship Program
c/o Salt Lake City JACL
P.O. Box 584
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

There is no limit on the number of applications that each Chapter may forward to the National Freshman Scholarship Committee, but the Chapters are asked to review and screen the applications to ensure that only the truly "outstanding" applications are forwarded. The committee also welcomes any comments from the Chapters regarding the qualifications of the applicants.

The Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, Creative & Performing Arts, and Financial Aid applications must be mailed directly by the applicant, postmarked by April 1, 2012, to:

2012 JACL National Scholarship Program
c/o Portland JACL
P.O. Box 86310
Portland, OR 97286

All applications must be on the 2012 application forms that are found on the JACL website (www.jacl.org).

All applications must be complete and timely, per the guidelines on the form, in order to be considered.

Students are allowed to apply to ONE CATEGORY ONLY: Freshman, Undergraduate, Graduate, Law, and Creative & Performing Arts. The exception to this rule is that any applicant may also apply for the Student Aid Scholarship. A successful applicant will only receive the higher of the two awards applied for.

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Applicants are judged on the basis of their JACL involvement, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, personal statement and letter of recommendation.

Requirements:

- JACL Membership by applicant (Individual or Youth/Student)
- Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation (only one letter required)
- Official transcripts (only one copy required from each school)
- the original and 2 copies of all other application materials

In July 2012, the scholarship recipients will have been selected and electronic notification will be made to the recipients. Also, their home Chapter will be notified of the recipient. In September 2012, the JACL's national newspaper, the Pacific Citizen, will issue its annual Scholarship Edition highlighting the award recipients.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jason Chang, National JACL Vice President for Planning & Development, via email (vpp-d@jacl.org) or JACL Regional Director Patty Wada at (415) 345-1075; jacl-newnpro@msn.com.