

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

**JACLER OF THE BIENNIUM
2008 GUIDELINES**

The JACLER of the Biennium award is presented in memory of Randolph M. Sakada, a former National JACL President.

To honor his dedicated service, this award recognizes a JACL member who has contributed the most to the strength and growth of the national organization during the immediate past biennium (2006-2008). The recipient is recognized at the Biennial Convention Awards Luncheon and receives air transportation to and one night's accommodation at the JACL convention hotel.

The National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee shall make the recommendation for the JACLER of the Biennium Award, with the final approval by the National JACL Board. Further, the National Board, with the exceptions listed below, is not precluded from nominating and selecting a candidate of its own choosing. It should also be clearly understood that length of service within the JACL is a consideration, but not a major factor, in determining who shall be the recipient of the JACLER of the Biennium Award.

APPLICATIONS MUST POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 4, 2008.

The following criteria will be used for selection:

1. All nominations shall be submitted on a JACL nomination form, together with a supportive JACL sponsoring chapter recommendation and photo of the nominee.
2. Nominees shall have made outstanding contributions to the strength and growth of the JACL during the biennium (2006-2008).
3. Such contributions at the National, District and Chapter levels are to be consistent with the purposes of the JACL.
4. Any JACL chapter and each District Council may submit up to three (3) nominations. All nominations forms should be submitted directly to the National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee.
5. Nominations shall be open to all JACL members, except for members of the National JACL Executive Committee (National President, National Vice Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer, Governors' Caucus Chairperson, and the National Youth Council Chair).

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6. Up to three (3) letters of recommendation may be submitted with the nomination. (Letters from JACL staff members are not allowed.)
7. For the purposes of administrative action, nominations for this award shall be closed on April 4, 2008. Applications must be postmarked by April 4, 2008 or they will not be considered. Please forward your chapter's nomination, with all supporting documents and photo, to: National Awards & Recognition Committee, National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Nominations must not exceed 30 pages total. Ten (10) copies of your nomination packet must be submitted to facilitate dissemination to committee members.

JACLer of the Biennium Award Recipients:

1956	Abe Hagiwara	1980	John Tateishi	2004	Mas Hashimoto
	Jerry Enomoto	1982	Min Yasui	2006	David Kawamoto
1958	Sue Joe (Mrs.)	1984	Cherry Kinoshita		
	Kumeo Yoshinari		Jim Shimomura		
1960	Joe Kadowaki	1986	Mary Tsukamoto		
1962	Frank Oda	1988	Henry Tanaka		
1964	Father Clement	1990	Art Morimatsu		
1966	William Marutani	1992	Bruce Yamashita		
1968	Takeshi Kubota	1996	Tom Masamori		
1970	Roy Nishikawa		Mae Takahashi		
1972	Helen Kawagoe	1998	Alan Hida		
1974	James K. Tsujimura	2000	Ken Inouye		
1976	Clifford Uyeda	2002	Carol Kawamoto		
1978	Edward M. Yamamoto		Andy Noguchi		

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The 2008 National Awards & Recognition Committee will be utilizing the following specific criteria in evaluating nominations.

1. *Impact (1-20 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. *Mobilization of the Organization (1-20 points)*
The nomination should describe the nominee's efforts in mobilizing JACLers and others. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have mobilized multiple chapters and other non-JACL organizations in their efforts.
3. *Results (1-15 points)*
The nomination should describe the nominee's achievements in promoting the goals of the JACL. Maximum points will be considered for nominees with a demonstrated record of achievement.

4. *Initiative and Leadership (1-30 points)*

The nomination should describe the leadership of the individual both in the JACL and outside of the JACL. Maximum points will be awarded for nominees who have taken a proactive role in the promotion of JACL efforts even when such a role was at that time unpopular or difficult. Fewer points will be awarded to nominees who have been passive participants in the achievement of JACL's goals.

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.