***NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE***

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

**2024 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 & Recognitions 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 **time stamped** before **midnight (Hawaiian Standard Time) April 30, 2024.**

Submit electronically to**:** National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee c/o David Kawamoto

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**George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award Recipients:**

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| 1970 | Contra Costa | 1982 | San Mateo | 2004 | Watsonville-Santa Cruz |
|  | Fresno | 1984 | Seattle |  | Lake Washington |
|  | West Los Angeles | 1986 | Portland | 2006 | Portland |
| 1972 | Seattle |  | Seattle | 2008 | Portland |
|  | Contra Costa | 1988 | Seattle | 2010 | Watsonville-Santa Cruz |
|  | Puyallup Valley |  | New York City |  2012 |   |
| 1974 | West Valley | 1990 | Seattle |  2014 Seattle |   |
|  | Salt Lake City |  | San Francisco  |  2016 Seattle  |  |
|  | Seattle | 1992 | Honolulu |  | Chicago  |
| 1976 | Salt Lake City |  | San Jose |  2018  | Seattle |
| 1978 | Seattle | 1994 | Honolulu |  2020  | Seattle |
|  | Sacramento | 1996 | Florin |  2022 |  Twin Cities |
|  | St. Louis | 1998 | SELANACO |  |  |
|  | San Mateo | 2000 | Seattle |  |  |
| 1980 | Spokane |  | Florin |  |  |
|  | Contra Costa | 2002 | Arizona |  |  |
|  | West Valley |  | Seattle |  |  |
|  | Detroit |  |  |  |  |

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## COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The National JACL 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 JACL
4. Chapter accomplishments relative to its size

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

## Worthiness of purpose (60 points)

* 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. *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 JACL chapters or other organizations, or where major fundraising was required.

* 1. *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.

## Chapter and Community Participation (50 points)

* 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.

* 1. *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.

## Benefits derived by the community and the JACL (40 points)

* 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.

* 1. *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.

## Chapter Viability (50 points)

* 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.

* 1. *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.

* 1. *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.

* 1. *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.

* 1. *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.