



Japanese American Citizens League San Mateo Chapter



San Mateo JACL High School Senior Scholarship Application

Eligibility Requirements

- Every applicant must be a member of the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). **To join the JACL, please visit <https://jacl.org/member/>.** JACL membership is open to everyone of any ethnic background. All who meet eligibility criteria are welcomed and encouraged to apply. Note: applicants must hold an Individual or Student/Youth Membership. A Couple/Family membership by a parent will not meet this requirement.
- Applicants must be seniors enrolled in a San Mateo County public or private high school.
- Applicants will be partially judged on their involvement in the Japanese American / Asian American community.
- Applicants must be planning to attend a college, university, trade school, business school or any other institution of higher learning within the United States.

Application Requirements:

- San Mateo Chapter JACL Scholarship Application, available on our website: www.sanmateojacl.org
- A Letter of Recommendation
- Official high school transcript
- Personal Statement (no more than two pages on the topic question)
- **Applications must be emailed no later than March 24, 2024 to jaclsanmateo@gmail.com**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI)

Email Address

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

B. ACADEMIC HISTORY

1. Please list high schools attended (if more than one, begin with the most current).

Institution Name

Dates Attended

2. Please list all colleges/universities you have applied to for this fall, indicate the current status from the institution (accepted, denied or pending).

C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Please write a short paragraph detailing any involvement you have had in the Japanese American community and /or all community and Asian Pacific Islander American community involvement.

D. PERSONAL STATEMENT:

The JACL and greater Japanese American community is in need of younger generations who are willing and capable of taking on leadership roles in the community. How should the JACL foster and encourage younger generations to assume responsibility for the preservation and longevity of the history, culture, and community relations of Japanese Americans? *(Submit your statement as a separate Word document; maximum 2 pages)*

E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & WORK HISTORY

Please list campus activities, indicating the years & length of the activity, leadership positions held and non-academic awards received.

JAPANESE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Do you study or practice any Japanese cultural activity (such as nihon buyo (Japanese classical dance), Japanese classical instruments (shamisen, koto, shakuhachi, taiko), ikebana (flower arrangement), chado (tea ceremony), or Japanese martial arts (aikido, karate, judo kendo, etc.), anime, manga, origami, or other activity? If yes, please briefly describe your involvement.

F. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, school administrator, employer or community leader. The letter must be submitted with this application.

G. APPLICATION PROCESSING

Please submit the following by email to **jaclsanmateo@gmail.com**

- one copy of your completed application
- your personal statement
- one letter of recommendation
- official high school transcript

All materials must be emailed no later than **March 24, 2024**. An email confirmation will be sent to confirm we received your application.

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and information requested for the San Mateo JACL High School Senior Scholarship Program. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke any rights to an award. I also understand that if I am nominated for an award, verification of enrollment is required before any monies can be disbursed.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____