

2025 Portland Japanese American Community Scholarship

Scholarship Donors:

Gresham-Troutdale JACL, Naito, Nikkei Fujinkai, Oregon Nisei Veterans, Portland JACL, Shokookai, and Velea

- Eligible applicants and at least one of their parents must be of Japanese Ancestry (Does not apply to Portland JACL Scholarships)
- The parent or student must be a member of at least one of the participating organizations on **December 17, 2024** or earlier.
- The student must have attended four years (or equivalency) of a high school in the United States. International students are not eligible.
- The applicant must reside within Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington (OR) or Clark (WA) counties. (Does not apply to Portland JACL Scholarships)
- If no acceptable applicant applies, some or all of the scholarships may not be awarded.

***Note: Grandparent information only used for appropriate acknowledgment at Graduation Banquet.**

Name:				
Address:				
City:			State:	Zip:
Email:				
Phone:		High School Name:		
Parents or Legal Guardian:				
*Grandparents (Living Paternal):			*Grandparents (Living Maternal):	
GPA:	SAT - Verbal: (optional)	SAT - Writing: (optional)	SAT - Math: (optional)	
ACT Score: (optional)	# of Students in Graduating Class		Student's Rank in Class:	
Achievements:				
On a separate one-page document, list scholastic, community, extra-curricular awards/achievements/leadership positions using the following format:				
		Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
School/Organization/Club	Award/ Achievement			
List School Activities Record:				
On a separate one-page document, list your SCHOOL activities using the following format:				
School Activity	Brief Explanation Describing Involvement	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
Honor Society				
Service Club(s)				
Interest Club(s)				
Newspaper or Yearbook				
Music, Art or Drama				
Athletics				
Others				
List Community/ Work Activities Record:				
On a separate one-page document, list your COMMUNITY/WORK activities using the following format:				
Activity	Brief Explanation Describing Involvement	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11
Religious Organizations				
Community Organizations				
Employment				
Others				
Letter of Reference:				
Please submit one academic recommendation letter from a teacher or a counselor.				
Name:		Address:		
Position:		Phone number:		

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Please check the organization(s) that you or your parents(s) are a member. (Note: To be an eligible applicant, you or your parent(s) or your legal guardian must hold membership in at least one of the following organizations listed by **December 17, 2024** or earlier. Specify the number of years that you have been members. (PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP BELOW WITH EACH ORGANIZATION.)

Participating Organizations	# of Years
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist Henjyoji Temple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Epworth United Methodist Church	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gresham-Troutdale Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Ancestral Society (Nikkei Jinkai)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Women's Society (Nikkei Fujinkai)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nichiren Buddhist Temple of Portland	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Buddhist Temple	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon Nisei Veterans	
<input type="checkbox"/> Portland Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shokookai	
<input type="checkbox"/> Velela	

Essay #1: Pick one of the following topics and write a 250-500 word essay on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Explain how the Japanese American experience, or your own experiences in working with the community, has shaped you life.
2. What civil rights issues have you encountered in your school? How did you respond?
3. What can we do about anti-Asian hate in our community?
4. Why is it important to teach Asian American history in our schools?
5. Nisei veterans of WWII have received a Congressional Gold Medal and an Oregon Highway named in their honor. How has this affected you?

Essay #2: Field of Interest----Write a 250 word essay on a separate sheet of paper.

Please describe the major Field of Interest you expect to pursue and why.

College you plan to attend (if known)	Name:	Major:	Accepted (Y or N)
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Requirements & Deadline

Required Documents:

- Application Form & Supporting "Achievements", "School Activities", and "Community/Work Activities" Documents
- Sealed Transcripts
- Copy of SAT/ACT Scores (optional)
- Official signed Letter of Reference from a teacher or a counselor
- Two essays on the topics mentioned above

Deadline: Required documents must be completed and postmarked no later than **Saturday, March 1, 2025**.

Mail to: Japanese American Community Scholarships, PO Box 82443 Portland, OR 97282.

Hand delivered, Fed Ex or UPS applications will NOT be accepted. Only United States Postal Mail.

You may e-mail any questions to scholarship-questions@pdxjacl.org.

Agreement:

- I agree to be interviewed by a selection committee. Only successful finalists will receive notification. The interview date is **Saturday, April 5, 2025**.
- I understand that I will forfeit all rights to this award if I am selected for this award but do not enter a school of higher learning.
- I understand that I must attend the Japanese American Graduation Banquet on Sunday, **May 4, 2025** to receive my award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____