

JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2013

Explanation: The Japanese American Veterans Association [JAVA] has received donations to honor the lives, and the memory, of following individuals (listed in alphabetical order): Grant Hirabayashi, Joseph Ichiuji,, Douglas Ishio, Sunao Phil Ishio, Mike and Etsu Mineta Masaoka, Victor and Teru Kamikawa Matsui, Betty Shima, Orville Shirey, Kiyoko Tsuboi-Taubkin,, and Warren Tsuneishi, and has established memorial funds in their names. JAVA has gratefully accepted or dedicated these donations with a commitment that they would be made available for scholarship awards under its Memorial Scholarship Program [MSP].

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES

The Memorial Scholarship Program is administered under the general direction of the Japanese American Veterans Association's Board of Directors, but its day-to-day management is the responsibility of the Chair of its Memorial Scholarship Committee, subject to the oversight of the Executive Council of JAVA.

The sixth annual MSP awards will be announced at a quarterly luncheon of the JAVA membership on, Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Ten awards are planned to be made, each in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars [\$1,500.00], from the funds identified above.

The starting date for each year's scholarship program is announced through a JAVA news release that usually appears on its website [\[admin@javadc.org\]](mailto:admin@javadc.org), JAVA's round-robin email network, and the JAVA newsletter, i.e., *The Advocate*. The application form, as well as the governing rules, will be found on the JAVA website.

The closing date for receipt of applications is: **May 1, 2013**

Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee

The JAVA Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee has the responsibility for receiving, reviewing and judging the applications. The Committee is comprised of three members; the Chair of the Scholarship committee may serve as an ex officio participant. It shall provide information identifying the awardees, first, to the Chair in the event the latter had not participated in the awards deliberation. In any case, it is the Chair who shall advise the Executive Council of the selections no later than one week prior to the quarterly JAVA scholarship luncheon referenced above. Should a written response be received from a majority of the Executive Council within three (3) days following such notification that one or more of the recommended awards should not be made, the selections made by the Awards Committee shall be deemed confirmed.

Eligibility for Awards

All persons submitting applications in the 2013 JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program should be aware that it is governed by three threshold requirements: (1) the applicant must be a high school graduate who has been admitted to a college or university for the 2013-2014 academic year, or who will be engaging in post-secondary school training, etc., at a specialized institution; (2) the application, supported by documentation, must show a record of academic excellence and reflect a seriousness of purpose in pursuing post-secondary education/training goals; and (3) the applicant must provide information showing that he or she is directly related, i.e., through blood or marriage, to a person who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion, or other units associated therewith; or, to a person who served in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service; or, to a person of Japanese ancestry who otherwise serves or has served in the Armed Forces of the United States; or, to a person who has been a regular member of JAVA for a period of no less than one year dating back from the closing date for receipt of applications. Persons who have been legally adopted, or who trace their lineage to a person legally adopted, are considered eligible. Persons who are collaterally related to a person in the classes described, e.g., as nephew, cousin, etc., would not be considered within the eligible categories.

In establishing the foregoing requirements, JAVA has taken into account the known wishes of the families of the persons in whose names the funds were created, or gifts received. In addition, no person related directly, by blood, marriage, or descent, to members of the JAVA Scholarship Awards Committee or of JAVA's Executive Council shall be eligible for an award under this Program.

Application Requirements

As stated on the application form, every entrant must submit a true copy of 1) his or her high school transcript; 2) the letter of admission from the college or university (or other institution) that the applicant will be attending; and 3) an essay of 500 words or less on the following subject:

“What receiving a 2013 JAVA Memorial Scholarship will mean to me.”

Applicants who receive letters of admission from more than one institution and who are undecided as which offer of admission to choose at the time he or she submits an application may provide information about their choice at a later date.

Although MSP is a scholarship program, post-high school graduates who plan to enroll in a trade, vocational and other institution providing specialized education/training are invited to apply.

Rules governing Applications

Persons applying for a MSP award should use the official application form, which can be downloaded from the JAVA website.

The deadline for the submission of applications should be carefully observed. Particular note should be taken of the fact that all applications must be received at the address specified on the form by the deadline date in order that they can be timely considered.

Determinations as to whom each of the ten scholarships is to be awarded will be based solely on the application, the supporting documentation, and the essay. No personal interviews will be required. Letters of recommendation and records of extra-curricular activities may be submitted to supplement the entrant's application.

It will not be possible to receive applications via fax or email. Applicants may wish to make use of expedited delivery services. No applications, including supporting materials, will be returned.

All applicants are asked to submit a recent photograph, with the understanding and agreement that it may be used by JAVA for publicity purposes in connection with this Memorial Scholarship Program.

The scholarship awardees will be identified at the spring scholarship luncheon of the JAVA membership, and the same information will be provided via the JAVA round-robin email. The announcement this year will be on June 15, 2013. Attendance of the scholarship winners at the awards luncheon will not be required, but their presence is cordially encouraged.

All applicants will be deemed to have consented to have their names, photos, essays, etc., used in connection with JAVA's scholarship program.

Applications must be complete and timely received in order to be considered. JAVA's Scholarship Awards Committee will be unable to consider applications and supplemental information or materials received after the closing date.

The scholarship award will ordinarily be paid for the awardee's account direct to the treasurer or bursar of the institution where the applicant will be attending, or to such other office, as specified in the application.

No distinction shall be made as to the source from which the scholarship came, but the awards, each in the amount of \$1,500.00, will be identified by the name of the person or persons from whose account the scholarship award was taken. The family of the person being honored will be appropriately notified.

Reservation of Rights

The Executive Council reserves the right, where exceptional circumstances warrant, to withhold the making of one or more scholarship awards in a given year, or to award more than the number of scholarships offered in one year. If the balance in a particular memorial fund should fall below the award level, the Scholarship Committee is authorized to request the Treasurer of JAVA to

apportion the remaining amount among the other scholarship funds then existing.

Future of MSP

Additional donations to any of the funds established under the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program will be welcome. Also, donors may request JAVA to establish similar memorial funds in remembrance of loved ones. Donors may also provide funds to establish special scholarships for any given year.

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