

JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY GRADUATION PROGRAM
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AWARDS
2012 INFORMATION SHEET

Sponsored and funded by the Japanese American Community of the Denver Metropolitan area.

Participating organizations:

Brighton Japanese American Association
Denver Nisei Bowling Association
Fort Lupton Japanese American Citizens League
Japanese American Association of Colorado
Japanese Firms Association of Colorado
Longmont Buddhist Temple
Mile Hi Chapter Japanese American
Citizens League

Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation
Simpson United Methodist Church
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples

The candidate judged to be the most outstanding will receive the Mile Hi Japanese American Citizens League - Harry Sakata Memorial Plaque.

I. **ELIGIBILITY:** A candidate must meet one of the following of Part A and submit required forms for Part B.

Part A.

1. A graduating high school senior residing in the Denver Metropolitan area who is either an American citizen of Japanese ancestry or an American citizen whose legal parent(s) is/are of Japanese ancestry, or
2. A graduating high school senior of Japanese ancestry residing in the Denver Metropolitan area who has a permanent resident status (INS documentation) in the United States, or
3. A graduating high school senior who has a parent who is an active member of:
Brighton Japanese American Association, Denver Nisei Bowling Association, Fort Lupton Japanese American Citizens League, Japanese American Association of Colorado, Japanese Firms Association of Colorado, Longmont Buddhist Temple, Mile Hi Chapter Japanese American Citizens League, Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation, Simpson United Methodist Church, or Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples.

Part B.

1. Letter(s) of "Attestation of Volunteerism in the Japanese American Community" totaling a minimum of twenty-four hours during the last four years.
2. Completed application form.
3. High School transcript.
4. Essay answering two questions.

II. **JUDGING:** The final decision of the judges is based upon grade point average, academic courses, school activities, community participation, leadership, personal sacrifice and the oral interview. The applicant must be available in person for an oral interview on Saturday, May 12, 2012. The interviews will be held in the Denver metropolitan area.

- III. **REQUIRED FORMS:** The following must be submitted to apply for the Community Committee Awards.
1. Completed Community Committee Awards Application Form.
 2. Transcript of high school grades (certified by a high school official).
 3. Letter(s) of “Attestation of Volunteerism in the Japanese American Community” totaling a minimum of **twenty-four** hours during the last four years.
 4. Typed essay answering the following two questions with a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words for the total essay.

Essay Questions:

- A. What Japanese American values and traditions, if any, would you like future generations to possess? Why would it be important for them to have these values and traditions?**
- B. Many of the organizations within the Japanese American community are struggling to maintain their presence. As the older members of these organizations can no longer participate, there is a shortage of younger people to fill in the ranks and carry on the work of these organizations. Why is it important for Japanese American organizations to exist in today’s climate and what can they provide for the future to attract younger members?**

All four of the above listed documents are required to qualify for the judging process. Any packet missing any of these documents will be disqualified from the judging process.

IV. **DEADLINE: ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012.**

There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this deadline. Certificate of mailing from the post office is required. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. Transcripts may be sent under a separate cover (no certificate of mailing is required for transcript only); however, transcripts must be received by **April 13, 2012** to be eligible.

Mail completed application forms to:

Japanese American Community Graduation Program
P.O. Box 13665
Denver, Colorado 80201-3665

For additional information and applications forms, call Lorraine Hisamoto (303-288-6083, leave a message). Photocopies of any applications are acceptable. Applications are also available online at www.jacgp.com.

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2012 APPLICATION FORM

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This form is used to apply for all Community Committee Awards.

Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____

Telephone (cell): _____

E-mail address: _____

Name(s) of parent(s): _____

Reason for eligibility (under Section I, Part A of the Information Sheet):

_____ American citizen of Japanese ancestry:
Ancestral Japanese surname: (first) _____ (last) _____
(relationship) _____ (i.e. Hanako Yamashita - grandmother)

_____ Permanent resident (INS Documentation) of Japanese Ancestry
(proof of permanent resident alien status is required, a photocopy is acceptable)

_____ Parent(s) an active member of a participating organization
Name of organization _____

School graduating from: _____

Grade point average: _____

Class rank: _____

Number in graduating class: _____

List of school activities, awards, honors, etc., and names of clubs or organizations, positions held, conferences, science fairs, etc. Please do not use abbreviations. Use this format: National Honor Society, 9,10,11,12 Vice president, 11

List of non-school activities, hobbies, special skills or other pertinent information: church or temple activities, community organizations, part-time or full-time work, experiences both during school and vacations, etc.

List of activities involving the Japanese American Community

Use additional pages as necessary.

Agreement

The applicant, family members and any third party members agree, in participating in the Japanese American Community Graduation Program, that all decisions of the Committee and judges are final with regard to determinations of eligibility, qualifications, awarding of scholarships or any other matters which affect the applicant. There is no right of appeal with respect to any decisions made by the Committee or judges. All applications and supporting documentation shall remain the sole property of the Japanese American Community Graduation Program Committee and shall not be subject to release to any persons.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (for minor under 18 years old)

Date