

**Ventura County Japanese American Citizens League  
High School Senior 2018 Scholarship Application**

Dear Student:

This form contains the Ventura County JACL 2018 high school senior scholarship application. There are 7 parts to this application, including:

1. General Information
2. JACL Involvement
3. Letter of Recommendation
4. Transcript
5. Verification
6. Personal Statement
7. Activities, Awards and Honors

There are a total of **four pages** as part of this application, **not including** the letter of recommendation or transcript. Please complete this application to the best of your ability.

To be eligible, you must:

- be a high school senior for the calendar year 2017-2018 **and**
- graduating from a Ventura County high school (public or private) **and**
- be planning to attend a two or four-year college, university, or trade school in fall 2018 **and**
- either be of Japanese ancestry, or a member of JACL.

Please understand that there is a **different** application for the **national JACL scholarship**, as eligibility requirements are different for that scholarship program.

Any questions regarding this application, or for information on the national scholarship, as well as membership forms, please contact Jennifer Kuo, at [jjkuo1754@gmail.com](mailto:jjkuo1754@gmail.com), or (805)405-5098. Please remember the deadline is **March 15, 2018**. Thank you for your support and interest.

**A. General Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of JACL? \_\_\_\_\_ Parents members of JACL? \_\_\_\_\_

We understand that college today is very expensive and a stretch for most families. However if you feel that you have special financial concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of the scholarship committee, (i.e. single parent, unemployment, etc.), please give a brief description below:

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Are you currently employed? If so, where and how many hours do you work on average?

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Please list your high schools attended, beginning with your current school:

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Overall GPA (4-point scale): \_\_\_\_\_ or (5-point scale): \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges, Trade Schools, Community Colleges to which you have applied:

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Colleges to which you have been accepted to date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please name your first choice school, regardless of whether or not you have yet received an acceptance letter: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are NOT a member of JACL, please tell us about your Japanese ancestry. If you are a member of JACL, this question is optional. \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Japanese Culture and JACL Involvement**

The JACL was founded in 1929 and is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization. Although originally founded to aid newly arrived Japanese immigrants and their families, the JACL has worked to effect positive social change for all, regardless of ethnicity.

The Vision statement of the JACL reads:

Aware of our responsibilities of the oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization, JACL strives to promote a world that honors diversity by respecting values of fairness, equality, and social justice.

The Mission statement of the JACL reads:

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational, and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

How have you, or how can you further the Vision and Mission of the JACL?

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While it is not necessary to be a member of JACL to qualify for our local scholarship, we do give preference to those who have participated in JACL events, on both a local and national scale. Please tell us about some of the JACL activities that you have participated in:

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**C. Letter of Recommendation**

Please submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, employer, coach, or community leader. **The letter must be submitted with this application.** If you are also applying for the National JACL Scholarship, you may use a duplicate copy of the letter required for that application.

**D. Transcript**

Please submit a complete copy of your official transcript. Clear photocopies are acceptable.

**E. Verification**

I have completed this application honestly, and to the best of my ability. Any deliberate misrepresentation of information contained in this application may revoke rights to this scholarship award. This application is submitted in full and I understand all requirements and requested information for this Ventura County JACL scholarship.

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Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Applications and all supporting documents must be mailed and postmarked no later than **March 15, 2018**. Please submit to:

Ventura County JACL Scholarship Committee  
C/O Jennifer Kuo  
3167 Peppermint Pl.  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

**F. Personal Statement**

It would be impossible for us to truly understand exactly who you are, what your interests are, and what makes you unique in this one short application. However, we would like for you to provide us with a short statement to give us an idea who you are as an individual. **We prefer you to type or print, a single page personal statement and it should be included with this application.**

**G. Activities, Awards and Honors**

Please fill in your selection of school, athletic, and community related activities and awards on the spreadsheet provided. Please confine your list to the single page given, selecting only those most important to you.