

## **2020 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Community Service Scholarship  
San Francisco, CA 94115-0147

The 2020 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival is please to announce the 33rd year of the annual Community Scholarship program for graduation seniors of Japanese descent in Northern California. Please provide the following application to those graduating seniors that qualify for our consideration as recipient of the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Community Service Scholarship.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicant must be a graduating senior of Japanese American descent at an accredited high school with a grade point average minimum of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0. Applicant should be actively involved in her or his local community.

**AWARDS:** Students will be awarded scholarships on the basis of commitment to their community, written essays, academic achievement and personal character. Two winners will each receive \$2,500 cash. Winners will participate in various Cherry Blossom Festival activities, including the Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 11, 2020, 1:00 pm, at the Peace Plaza Stage, Japantown, San Francisco.

**DEADLINE:** Postmarked no later than Saturday, March 7, 2020, and sent to the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Committee, 2441 Farrol Avenue, Union City CA 94587-5258. Applicants may also hand deliver the application package to the National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post Street, San Francisco, 415-921-5007, no later than Thursday, March 5, 2020, 12:00 noon. No electronic packet submissions will be accepted.

For further information, please call Steven Hirabayashi, 510-471-7324 or email at [yshiraba@gmail.com](mailto:yshiraba@gmail.com). The Nikkei Lions Club of San Francisco administers the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Program for the Cherry Blossom Festival. Scholarships winners will be asked to provide a photograph to be used for the 2020 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival booklet and the media as requested.

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION.** (Please print or type the following information)

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

Current Address  
(Include City & ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Telephone #  
(Include City & ZIP): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Japanese Family Member to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. EDUCATION** (Please attach a **copy of your transcript or scholarship record that includes the Fall semester of your senior year** with your current G.P.A. verified by your school. Please have your school note whether weighted or non weighted G.P.A.)

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Planning to Attend in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study Planning to Pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List your participation in your neighborhood/local community, including names of organizations, positions held, length of time involved, and period of time involved. (Include clubs, church organizations, community organizations, and service organizations)

**D. HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

Include any leadership positions held, such as club officer, team captain, and first chair violinist.

**E. HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Include such awards as Advanced Placement Classes/Scores, competition awards (speech/debate contests, Academic Decathlon, art/music, science fair).

**F. HOBBIES AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

Include activities that are not related to your school (building models, fishing)

**G. FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY**

List any languages spoken, your estimate of ability level (fluency) and source of this ability.

**H. LETTERS OF REFERENCE (Please submit only two with application)**

Submit two letters of reference from individuals who will be able to provide insight into your academic qualifications, community involvement and personal character for your high school years. **One must be from a community, non-school source.** Please include a way to contact each reference (writer can include in their letter).

**I. ESSAYS - ADDRESS EACH QUESTION IN AT LEAST 200 WORDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 500 WORDS**

1. Explain why you feel it was important to be involved in your neighborhood/local community. Include why you chose the neighborhood organization for your involvement and for the commitment of your time and energy. Also include how many years or months you were involved.

2. In what ways has the ethnic minorities communities in the United States, such as the Japanese American community, been a positive influence on the development of the overall American culture and values all Americans share? Give at least one example.

3. Describe one issue that you feel is of the highest importance which you feel will have a significant impact on the future of all the citizens of the United States. Provide a possible solution to this important issue that you feel would help solving the issue.

**AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

All of the information I have submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge and a product of only my own work. I agree that if selected as a Cherry Blossom Scholarship winner, I will represent the Cherry Blossom Festival with the highest degree integrity, respect and citizenship.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

We consent to our child's entry and participation as an applicant and possible winner in the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Program and accept all rules and conditions governing her/his entry.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_