



2023 - 2024 Colonel Jimmie Kanaya Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application

Submission Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:59pm PST

Amount: \$3,000

The Colonel Jimmie Kanaya Memorial Scholarship commemorates a highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team medic, known for his leadership and role as an educator. Among several awards, Col. Kanaya received a battlefield commission while serving with the 442 Regimental Combat Team. This award is granted to enlisted soldiers who are promoted to the rank of commissioned officer for outstanding leadership on the field of battle. After WWII, Col. Kanaya attended Military Intelligence Service Language School and continued to serve his country during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In the evening, he attended night courses and received a Master's Degree in Education. Students interested in applying to this scholarship should be prepared to demonstrate a critical reflection in relation to their Japanese American identity, the WWII Japanese American experience, and future educational and/or career goals. Priority will be given to State of Washington residents.

Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors residing in Washington State. Applicants must have a connection to the NVC through legacy, volunteerism, etc.

Timeline:

Application and supporting documents must be received by: **Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:59 PST**

Notification of awarded candidates: **Saturday, April 6, 2024**

Award ceremony for scholarship recipients: **Friday, June 7, 2024**

Application Checklist:

- Completed Scholarship Application**
- Educational Transcript**
- Two (2) Letters of Reference**
- Completed Essay (800 - 1200 words, typed, 12 point font, double spaced)**

The scholarship committee will review all completed applications per the requirements noted above. Incomplete application forms, applications with missing documents, and late applications will not be considered.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Do you have a connection to the NVC/NVCF?: _____

If yes, please state the first & last name of NVC/NVCF member & their relation to you:

NVC/NVCF Member's connection to NVC: _____

II. ACADEMICS & REFERENCES

High School: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Accumulated Grade Point Average (G.P.A.): _____

(Please include your official transcript endorsed by your high school.)

College or university planning to attend: _____

Intended major: _____

Please provide the name, telephone number and email address of two (2) letter of recommendation references. Acceptable references include teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, scout leaders, etc.

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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III. ACTIVITIES cont.

Please briefly explain the NVC events or activities you have participated in.

IV. ESSAY QUESTION

Please respond to the essay question below. Your response should be between 800 - 1200 words, typed in 12-point font, and double spaced. Recipients of the award will have their essay published in the NVC monthly newsletter.

A. How do you represent and share what it means to be a Japanese American? How will you seek opportunities to become more culturally engaged and have meaningful interactions with people and cultures different from your own? Share your vision of how you will use your education and career to build on your familial legacy and that of Col. Jimmie Kanaya.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & DUE DATE

Please provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, scout leaders, etc. All applications and transcripts must be received via email or completed via the GoogleForm link provided on the NVC website on or before **March 16, 2024 by 11:59 p.m. PST**. Documents will not be considered after this date.

Please send applications and supporting documents to:

NVC Foundation Scholarship

NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: "Your Name" - CJK Scholarship Application