



## 2023 - 2024 NVC Foundation *Okagesama de* Scholarship Application

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

**Amount:** \$3,000

*Okagesama de* in Japanese means, “I am what I am because of you”. The unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II inspires the mission of the NVC Foundation (NVCF): “Honor the past and educate the future”. By “honoring the past”, or remembering our ancestors who faced discrimination based on race and hysteria, our goal is to “educate the future”. Students interested in applying to this scholarship should be prepared to demonstrate a critical reflection in relation to this theme or traditional saying. Priority will be given to State of Washington residents.

**Eligibility:** All high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students pursuing a degree at a community, technical, or 4-year university in Washington State.

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES**

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current place of employment (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

What college or university do you plan to attend or are you currently attending?

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (high school, GED, or college): \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please include your most recent educational transcript. Official transcripts are preferred but unofficial transcripts are also accepted.)**

Please list 1-3 activities in relation to school, community service, sports, advocacy or work-related efforts and/or achievements during your educational career.

Activity	Role	Time participated

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### III. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, professors, counselors, employers, coaches, community leaders, etc. List the name, telephone number and email address of your recommendation references below.

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. SHORT ESSAY

Please respond to the essay question stated 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. Tell us about a personal experience or relationship you have had that exemplifies *okagesama de* ('I am what I am because of you'). How has this influenced your future educational and professional goals?

### V. 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" NVCF Scholarship Application