



2024 - 2025 Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application

Submission Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025, 11:59pm PST

Amount: \$2,000

The Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship commemorates a Seattle *sansei*, or third-generation Japanese American, who prioritized the joy and wellness of his family and community. Shigihara's educational and inspirational memoir, *Living Lessons - My Journey of Faith, Love, and Cutting-edge Cancer Therapy*, was shared to "...help others who face life-altering challenges". His professional career spanned leadership roles as a clinical pharmacist, specialist in the pharmaceutical industry, and as an affiliate associate professor with the University of Washington and Washington State University Schools of Pharmacy.

Mark's father, Ken Shigihara, and father-in-law, Ken Sato, served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service. His uncle Tom Ohtani served in the U.S. Navy. Mark's family members continue their generational support of the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee.

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in the University of Washington School of Pharmacy.

Timeline:

Application and supporting documents must be received by: **Saturday, February 22, 2025, 11:59 PST**

Notification of awarded candidates: **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

Award ceremony for scholarship recipients: **Friday, May 2, 2025**

Application Checklist:

- ☐ **Completed Scholarship Application** (Email, GoogleForm, or post)
- ☐ **Official Educational Transcript** (Email or post, directly from school)
- ☐ **Current Resume**
- ☐ **Two (2) Letters of Reference** (Email or post, directly from reference)
- ☐ **Completed Essay** (800 - 1200 words, typed, 12 point font, double spaced)

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Institution of undergraduate studies: _____

Undergraduate major: _____

(Please have your institution send official educational transcript(s) via post or email.)

II. REFERENCES

Please provide the name, telephone number, and email address of two (2) letters of reference. Acceptable references include professors, teachers, counselors, employers, and etc.

Letters should be sent directly by the reference to: NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: "Your Name" - Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship Letter of Reference

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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III. 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. Tell us about yourself. Describe any experience that influenced your decision to apply to pharmacy school. What are your career goals in pharmaceuticals? What is something important to you or about you that you would like us to know?

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & DUE DATE

Please provide two letters of recommendation from professors, counselors, employers, etc. All applications and transcripts must be received via email or completed via the GoogleForm link provided on the NVC website on or before **February 22, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. PST**. Documents will not be considered after this date.

Please send applications and supporting documents to:

NVC Foundation Scholarship Committee

NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: "Your Name" - Mark Shigihara Memorial Scholarship