



## **2024 - 2025 NVC Foundation *Okagesama de* Scholarship Application**

**Submission Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 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.

**Eligibility:** High school seniors, undergraduate, 4-year technical college, or graduate students. Applicants must be a resident of Washington State.

### **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)
- ☐ **Two (2) Letters of Reference** (Email or post, directly from 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a connection to the NVC/NVC Foundation?: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please state the first & last name(s) of NVC/NVC Foundation member(s) & their relation to you:

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NVC/NVCF Member's connection to NVC: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. ACADEMICS

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

Current place of employment (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

### III. ACTIVITIES

In 200-300 words, reflect on 1-2 extracurricular activities you have been or are currently engaged in. Examples include but are not limited to community service, school clubs, sports, advocacy, employment, religious affiliation etc. Explain what you have learned and how you have grown as a result of participating in these activities. How have these experiences inspired you to be engaged in your community? Please write on an additional page if space is needed.

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If you have any connection to the NVC or you have participated in NVC/NVCF events or activities in the past, please specify below:

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#### IV. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this reference send a letter via email or post?: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will this reference send a letter via email or post?: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please see acceptable reference letter specifications under Section V.

#### V. 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.** Reflect on the mission of the NVC Foundation, “Honor the past and educate the future”, and describe an influential person or experience that exemplifies *okagesama de* (I am what I am because of you). How has this person or experience impacted your educational and/or professional goals?

## VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & DUE DATE

Please request two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, scout leaders, etc.

Reference letters sent **electronically** must be sent directly from your reference, include the institution's letterhead (if applicable), and include references' official signature. Please ensure the scholarship email address is spelled correctly to avoid return-to-sender.

All application materials must be received on or before **February 22, 2025, by 11:59 p.m. PST**. Please refer to the checklist provided on the first page to ensure application completion. Documents will not be considered after this date.

### Send applications and supporting documents to:

#### Email

NVCFoundationScholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: "Your Name" - Okagesama de Scholarship Application

OR

#### Post

NVC Foundation Scholarship  
1212 South King Street  
Seattle, WA 98144