



2022 - 2023 Colonel Jimmie Kanaya Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application

Submission Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 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.

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 11, 2023 11:59 PST**

Notification of awarded candidates: **Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Award ceremony for scholarship recipients: **June 2023 (TBD)**

Application Checklist:

- Completed Scholarship Application**
- Educational Transcript**
- Two (2) Letters of 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: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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

First & Last Name of NVC/NVCF Member: _____

NVC/NVCF Member's connection: _____

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.

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. What does your Japanese American identity mean to you in relation to the World War II Japanese American experience and present day anti-Asian discrimination? How do you see your future educational and career goals building on your familial legacy and that of Col. Jimmie Kanaya?

IV. 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 be postmarked on or before **March 11, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. PST**. Documents will not be considered after this date.

Please send applications and supporting documents to:

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Subject Line: "Your Name" - CJK Scholarship Application