



2022 - 2023 NVC Foundation *Okagesama de* Scholarship Application

Submission Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 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: 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 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: _____

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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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. Drawing on the Japanese saying, *okagesama de*, (“I am what I am because of you”) please write about a person or experience that has impacted who you are today. What do you hope your impact will be on future generations? How does this relate to your educational 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 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” NVCF Scholarship Application