

2018 JACL Chicago Scholarship Application



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Scholarship Category (check one)

First-year Undergraduate

Continuing Undergraduate

Graduate

Instructions

- Please type or neatly print all responses.
- Application form and supplemental pages should be printed on single-sided pages.
- For supplemental pages, please include your full name at the top right corner of each page and number all pages.
- All application materials, including application form and supplemental pages, official transcript(s), and recommendation letters must be included in one complete application packet. Do not submit materials separately. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Do not staple the application or materials. Use a binder clip or paper clip.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by **Thursday, March 1, 2018**. Late applications will not be considered. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

Application Checklist

Completed and signed application form

Supplemental pages – with name and page numbers

Official sealed transcript(s)

Two (2) letters of recommendation – sealed with seal signed over by letter writer

Enclose all application materials in one complete packet and send to:

JACL Chicago Scholarship Committee
5415 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60640

Deadline (received/postmarked by): **Thursday, March 1, 2018**

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1. Personal Information

First name _____ Last name _____

Gender identity _____ Gender pronouns (ex: she/her/hers; they/them/their) _____

Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____ JACL membership ID # (Required for past scholarship winners only) _____

Parent/Guardian name(s) _____

How did you hear about the scholarship program? (check all that apply)

School Classmate Friend Relative Church JACLeR Newsletter Other _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

(award notification will be sent to this address in April)

Mailing address _____

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Home address* check if same as mailing address _____

Current school* _____

**Applicants must be residents of the State of Illinois (although attendance at schools outside of Illinois is permissible) OR actively enrolled in an accredited Illinois university, college, or institution of higher learning at the time of application.*

2. Academic Information

- Institution enrolled for Fall 2018 (name, city, state, expected graduation date, degree/major).

If undecided, please list all schools you have applied/been accepted to.

- GPA (for currently enrolled students) *First-year undergraduate applicants, please list your high school GPA.* _____

- Previous schools (post high-school: name, city, state, graduation date, degree/major, GPA.)

Official transcripts: First year undergraduate applicants, please submit an official, sealed high school transcript. Continuing undergraduate and graduate applicants, please submit official, sealed transcript(s) for all completed post-secondary work.

- Scholastic honors: If applicable, list the year and names all scholarships and academic awards you have received.

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3. Financial Need Statement

Although JACL Chicago Scholarships are merit-based scholarships, financial need is considered when determining awards. Briefly, please tell us how you are planning to fund your education.

4. Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation with your application. At least one of the letters must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator who is familiar with your academic work. Recommendations from friends or family will not be considered. Recommendations **must** be in sealed envelopes, with the seal signed over by the letter writer.

For the following sections (sections 5 - 9), please attach and number supplemental pages. Your name should appear at the top right of each page.

5. JACL Involvement

Use this section to list your engagement with JACL at the local, regional, and national levels within the last four years. Please provide short descriptions of your involvement and contributions, including years involved, leadership positions, etc.

Previous scholarship winners: List only activities, programs, organizations, positions, etc. in which you have participated since receiving your award.

6. JACL mission-related involvement

JACL is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization, whose mission is to advance social justice and promote the legacy and cultural heritage of the Japanese American community. Since its founding in 1929, JACL has been involved in major civil rights victories overturning anti-miscegenation laws, immigration and naturalization restrictions, and racial discrimination in education, housing, and employment. In addition, JACL has supported marriage equality, hate crime legislation, affirmative action in higher education, and diversity in media and politics.

Use this section to list activities, programs, initiatives, etc. that you have been a part of within the last four years that align with JACL's mission of promoting social justice and the Japanese American legacy. Please provide short descriptions of your involvement and contributions, including years involved, leadership positions, awards received, etc.

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7. Local Japanese American community involvement

Use this section to list any Japanese American activities, programs, initiatives, organizations, etc. (excluding JACL) in the Chicagoland area in which you have been involved within the last four years. Please provide short descriptions of your involvement and contributions, including years involved, leadership positions, etc.

Previous scholarship winners: List only activities, programs, organizations, positions, etc. in which you have participated since receiving your award.

8. Other Activities

Use this section to list any activities not included in the previous sections (including extracurricular, co-curricular, volunteer, and work activities). Please provide short descriptions of your involvement and contributions, including years involved, leadership positions, awards received, etc.

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9. Personal Statement

Why is the work of JACL important to you and/or to society?

Please keep your statement between 500 and 1000 words, and type and double-space your response. Your submission grants JACL Chicago permission to publish your personal statement in the chapter newsletter.

Additional question for graduate applicants: How do your educational and/or career goals align with JACL's mission? Please limit your statement to 250 words, and type and double-space your response.

10. Acknowledgement

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements for the JACL Chicago Scholarship Program. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge and understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may disqualify me from an award. I agree to provide the JACL Chicago Scholarship Committee with verification of my enrollment upon request, and understand that if for any reason I do not enter a school as indicated, I will forfeit my rights to an award. ***I understand that my attendance at the May 20, 2018 Scholarship Luncheon is required to receive an award.***

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please print your application before signing)

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Munteanu, Scholarship Committee Chair, at scholarships@jaclchicago.org. For more information, please visit www.jaclchicago.org/programs/scholarship-program.