

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED??

A guide to help those who want to get involved with JACL Chicago's young adult programs.

KANSHA ALUMNI LEADERSHIP BOARD

ABOUT

The Alumni Leadership Board is an initiative of the Kansha Project that provides an opportunity for meaningful and sustained engagement for Kansha Project participants after they have completed the program. The board is comprised of former Kansha Project participants. ALB members will receive skills and content training and participate in a strategic planning process for the Kansha Project in order to shape and implement their vision of the program's future.

GOALS

- Developing a shared, youth-driven vision for the future of the Kansha Project and actively working towards that vision
- Engaging Kansha Project alumni in planning and facilitating the program
- Creating a fundraising strategy and plan that aims to diversify and sustain Kansha Project's funding
- Keeping Kansha Project alumni connected and engaged to each other and to the program
- Expanding the program to engage the Chicago community

RESPONSIBILITIES & TIME COMMITMENT

The Kansha ALB will be comprised of alumni with a **high commitment level** who can attend monthly planning meetings at the JACL Chicago office. As a member of the ALB, you will be part of a group that will plan and implement the Kansha Project in 2018-2019. Therefore, we ask that you commit to being a part of the ALB at least through September 2019.

Because the Kansha Alumni Board is a youth-driven program, we need a few continuing ALB members from year to year. Though it is not required, please consider if you can stay involved with ALB beyond the 2018-2019 term upon applying

NEXT GENERATION NIKKEI

Next Generation Nikkei is a program of the Chicago Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL Chicago) to engage young adults to become a part of the greater Chicago Japanese American community. We are creating a board that will be comprised of two co-chairs, from the JACL Chicago Chapter Board, and eight elected board members that are driven to developing events that support the Japanese American Citizens League mission.

- Create a scope of work as a target for the events that are being hosted
- Develop a vision for the future of the NGN and actively work towards that vision
- Engaging and Expanding the reach of the Next Generation Nikkei young professionals
- Creating a fundraising strategy that aims to diversify and sustain Next Generation Nikkei's ability to continue to create and co-sponsor events
- Engage Japanese American youth in the Chicagoland area and collaborate with other communities

The Next Generation Nikkei will be comprised of self identifying "young adult" community members with a **moderate commitment level** that can participate in monthly meetings. As a member of the NGN, you will be part of a group that will plan and implement 6-8 events throughout the year. We ask that you commit to being a part of the NGN at least through October 2019. There will be mandatory physical introductory meetings in the first quarter of NGN's inception, but following can be decided by a board to participate in phone conference calls.

Your exact responsibilities will vary and will be decided once the NGN is formed and determines the full scope of its work and collaborate and define our short-term/long-term goals. The NGN program component you will be working on throughout the year will be decided as a board.

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NEXT GENERATION NIKKEI

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?

- Re-engage with and shape the future of the Kansha Project
- Reconnect with participants from your year and meet alumni from other program years
- Enhance your knowledge of the incarceration experience
- Gain valuable facilitation, project management, program planning, and leadership skills
- Get connected to and involved with JACL Chicago and the Chicago Japanese American community

- Build a shared community space for individuals that share the same goals and background together
- Create strong external relationships and be able to network with those organizations that align with JACL's mission
- Gain valuable facilitation, project management, program planning, and leadership skills
- Get connected to and involved with JACL Chicago Board and the Chicago Japanese American community

WHO CAN JOIN?

Kansha Project Alumni

Self identified "young adult" community members

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applications are now available at jaclchicago.org.

Deadline is Friday, September 7, 2018.

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I DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE ON THE BOARD. HOW CAN I STAY INVOLVED?

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook and please share the Kansha 2019 applications when they go live!

@kanshaproject

Yes, you can still be involved by staying connected, coming out to our events, and inviting your friends! You can join our Next Generation Nikkei page to get the latest updates on NGN and/or other events going on in the community.

ARE YOU A JACL CHICAGO MEMBER?

In order to join any of these amazing groups, you must become a member of JACL Chicago. With over 10,000 members and a history of leadership since 1929, JACL is the nations' oldest, largest, Asian American civil rights organization. Becoming a JACL member means joining in the fight for social justice and equality.

Visit jaclchicago.org/membership-support to find out how you can become a member today.

JACL CHICAGO CHAPTER
Japanese American Citizens League

For more information about JACL Chicago and their other programming please visit jaclchicago.org.