

JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Explanation: The Japanese American Veterans Association [JAVA] has received donations honoring the lives, and in memory, of Orville Shirey, Jack Tashiro and Douglas Ishio. JAVA's Executive Council accepted the gifts with the understanding that they would be made available for scholarship purposes, and, accordingly, established a Memorial Scholarship Program [MSP].

POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES

The MSP is administered under the general direction of the Executive Council, but its day-to-day management is the responsibility of JAVA's Executive Director, or the latter's designee.

The first MSP awards are to be made at the second quarterly membership meeting of JAVA in 2008; the same schedule shall be followed in subsequent years.

Three awards will be made, each in the amount of One Thousand Dollars [\$1,000.00], from the three funds presently established.

The starting date for each year's scholarship program shall be announced through a JAVA press release and JAVA's round-robin email network. Application forms, as well as these rules, will be available on the JAVA website [admin@javadc.org].

The closing date for receipt of applications shall be set forth in the press release and in the round-robin, as well as on the application form.

Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee

The JAVA Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee has the responsibility for receiving, reviewing and judging the applications. The Committee, comprised of three members, will have a period of three (3) weeks for its deliberations. It shall prepare and submit a written recommendation of its choices for scholarship awards to the Executive Director at least two weeks prior to the second quarterly JAVA membership meeting. It shall be the latter's responsibility to relay promptly the recommendations to the members of the Executive Council. The Council's concurrence of the Awards Committee's recommendations shall be presumed, unless the Executive Director receives written response from a majority of the Council within three (3) days after notification that one or more of the recommendations should not be accepted. In such case, no award shall be made relative to such recommendation(s).

Eligibility for Awards

All persons submitting applications in the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program should be aware that it is governed by two threshold requirements: (1) the application, supported by documentation, must show a record of academic excellence and a seriousness of purpose in

pursuing post-secondary education/training goals; and (2) the applicant must provide information showing that he or she is related, by blood or marriage, to a person who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion, or other units associated therewith, or, to a person who served in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service; or, to a person of Japanese ancestry who otherwise serves or has served in the Armed Forces of the United States; or, to a person who has been a member of JAVA for a period of no less than one year dating back from the date of the application.

In establishing the foregoing requirements, JAVA has taken into account the known wishes of the families of the three persons in whose names the funds were created. In addition, no person related by blood or marriage to members of the Scholarship Awards Committee or of the Executive Council shall be eligible for an award under this Program.

Application Requirements

As stated on the application form, in the case of an entrant who has not started his post-secondary school education/training, he or she will be expected to submit a true copy of 1) his or her high school transcript, a copy of the application submitted seeking admission to a college, university, a school of specialized study, etc.; 2) the letter of admission; and 3) the essay or other written materials that had been included in the school application, or another composition that the applicant elects otherwise to provide.

Requirements substantially similar to those described above shall apply to an applicant who is starting his or her graduate or professional school studies, i.e., a copy of the application for admission, with associated documents, should be submitted.

In the case of an applicant who is already attending a college, university, professional school, or other school offering specialized studies, etc., he or she will be expected to submit a true copy of the latest transcript received from the institution where he or she is attending, and a written statement or essay describing his or her course of studies, career plan and life goals, or there may be submitted a composition on a subject-matter of particular interest to the applicant.

Although MSP is a scholarship program, post-high school graduates who plan to enroll in a trade, vocational and other institution providing specialized education/training are invited to apply.

Rules governing Applications

Persons applying for a MSF award should use the official application form, which can be downloaded from the JAVA website.

The deadline for the submission of applications should be carefully observed. Particular note should be taken of the fact that all applications must be received at the address specified on the form by the deadline date in order that they can be timely considered.

Determinations as to whom the three scholarships should to be awarded will be based solely on the application and supporting documentation. No personal interviews nor letters of recommendation will be required.

It will not be possible to receive applications via fax or email. Applicants may wish to make use of expedited delivery services. No applications, including supporting materials, will be returned.

The scholarship awardees will be identified during the second quarterly meeting of the JAVA membership, and the same information will be provided via the JAVA round-robin email. Attendance of the scholarship winners at the award luncheon will not be required, but their presence is cordially encouraged.

All applicants will be deemed to have consented to have their names, photos, submissions, etc., used in connection with JAVA publicity of its scholarship program.

All applications must be complete and timely received in order to be considered. JAVA's scholarship awards committee will be unable to accept belatedly submitted applications, supplemental information or materials.

The scholarship award will ordinarily be paid direct to the treasurer or bursar of the institution where the applicant will be, or has been, attending.

No distinction shall be made as to the source from which the scholarship came, but the awards, each in the amount of \$1,000.00, will be identified by the name of the person from whose account the scholarship award was taken.

There shall be no restriction on the eligibility of an award winner in one year from receiving an award in a subsequent year.

Reservation of Rights

The Executive Council reserves the right, where exceptional circumstances warrant, to withhold the making of one or more scholarship awards in a given year, or to award more than three scholarships in one year. If the balance in a particular memorial fund should fall below the award level, it will be combined with the balance remaining in kindred fund or funds until the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Fund has been totally expended.

Future of MSP

Additional donations to any of the funds established under the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program will be welcome. Also, donors may request that similar memorial funds be established in the future.

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