

JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2010

Explanation: The Japanese American Veterans Association [JAVA] has received donations that honor the lives, and the memory, of Orville Shirey, Jack Tashiro, Douglas Ishio, Sunao Phil Ishio, and Kiyoko Tsuboi-Taubkin. For 2010, it also received a gift to establish a memorial scholarship in the name of Teru Kamikawa Matsui. JAVA's Board of Directors has 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 Board of Directors of JAVA, but its day-to-day management is the responsibility of JAVA's Executive Director, or the latter's designee.

The MSP awards, first made in 2008, will be announced at the spring quarterly luncheon of the JAVA membership on May 15, 2010.

Six awards will be made, each in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars [\$1,500.00], from the funds/gifts identified above.

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. For 2010, the date is: APRIL 21, 2010.

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 approximately two (2) weeks for its deliberations. It shall provide information identifying the awardees to the Executive Director and to the Scholarship Committee chair prior to the second quarterly JAVA membership meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2010. The Board of Directors will be promptly notified by the Executive Director, and absent receipt of written response from a majority of the Board within three (3) days after notification that one or more of the recommendations should not be accepted, the selection made by the Awards Committee shall be deemed confirmed.

Eligibility for Awards

All persons submitting applications in the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program should be aware

that it is governed by three threshold requirements: (1) the applicant must be a high school graduate who has been admitted to a college or university for the 2010-2011 academic year, or who will be engaging in post-secondary school training, etc., at a specialized institution; (2) 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 (3) the applicant must provide information showing that he or she is lineally related 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 closing date for receipt of applications. Persons who have been legally adopted, or who trace their lineage to a person legally adopted, are considered eligible. The term “lineally related” is defined to mean that the person has a kinship relationship, by blood or marriage, to a person in one of the eligible categories.

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

Application Requirements

As stated on the application form, every entrant must submit a true copy of 1) his or her high school transcript; 2) the letter of admission from the college or university (or other institution) which the applicant will be attending; and 3) an essay of 500 words or less on the following subject: “What receiving a 2009 JAVA Memorial Scholarship will mean to me.”

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 MSP 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 six scholarships should to be awarded will be based solely on the application, the supporting documentation, and the essay. No personal interviews will be required. Letters of recommendation and records of extra-curricular activities may be submitted

at the entrant's discretion.

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.

All applicants will be asked to submit a recent photograph, with the understanding and agreement that it may be used by JAVA for publicity purposes in connection with the scholarship program.

The scholarship awardees will be identified during the May 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, essays, etc., used in connection with JAVA's scholarship program.

All applications must be complete and timely received in order to be considered. JAVA's scholarship awards committee will be unable to consider applications and supplemental information or materials received after the closing date.

The scholarship award will ordinarily be paid for the awardee's account direct to the treasurer or bursar of the institution where the applicant will be attending, or to such other office, as specified in the application.

No distinction shall be made as to the source from which the scholarship came, but the awards, each in the amount of \$1,500.00, will be identified by the name of the person from whose account the scholarship award was taken.

Reservation of Rights

The Board of Directors 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 the number of scholarships offered in any year. If the balance in a particular memorial fund should fall below the award level, the Board of Directors shall combine it with a kindred fund or funds until the combined 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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