

JAVA'S 2010 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER – SIX \$1,500 AWARDS

Eligible students looking forward to graduating high school this year and their parents, all concerned about the ever-higher costs of a college education, will be pleased to know that JAVA's Memorial Scholarship Program for 2010 will be both bigger and better. There will be a total of six scholarships to be awarded, three more than last year. And, the awards will be higher – \$1,500 each. Given the improved chances and the increase in the amount of each award, all JAVA members are encouraged to publicize the program among family and friends.

This year's program will continue to honor the same three individuals in whose name scholarships were awarded last year: Orville Shirey, who had served as an information officer with the 442nd RCT; Jack Tashiro, who served with the MIS and as JAVA Treasurer; and, Douglas Ishio, son of the founder of JAVA, Phil Ishio. The 2010 program has been augmented by a scholarship fund established in her husband's name, Sunao Phil Ishio, by his wife, Connie, and a fifth fund in the name of Kiyoko Tsuboi Taubkin, a JAVA benefactor who had lived in Portland, Oregon. The sixth award will be special for 2010. It is in the name of Teru Kamikawa Matsui, in whose memory a scholarship was funded by her son, Martin.

Basically, the same rules that applied last year will be those that govern the 2010 program. In general, to be eligible, the entrant should be a graduating high school student in 2010, and he or she must be related lineally to a person who served in the famed Nisei combat teams during the second World War, and associated units, the MIS, or a Japanese American who has or is serving in our nation's armed services. Those related to a member of JAVA are also eligible to apply. Give these requirements, the pool of eligible applicants, while limited, increases the chances of those who qualify in receiving an award.

The competition is now open, and eligible applicants are urged to submit their entries as soon as they are able to meet the criteria. One of those is that the application must be accompanied by documentation showing that the entrant has been admitted to an accredited college, university, or some other institution that provides post-high education or training for 2010.

Given the diversity of schools and locations from which applications have been received in the past, the competition also requires that each entrant submit an essay of 500 words or less on the subject: "What winning a JAVA scholarship award will mean to me." These essays help the three-member team of judges to distinguish between applications of comparable merit.

The panel that will be reviewing the entries are: Sue Okubo, a Ph.D. economist, formerly with the Department of Commerce; Ed Wakayama, Ph.D., who is an Assistant Secretary in the Department of Health and Human Services, and Raymond Murakami, DDS, who was former President of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.

The deadline for the receipt of completed applications is Wednesday, April 21, 2010. This date permits those students who are awaiting admission information from institutions that provide notification as late of April 15, to include such documented advice with their entry.

Complete details about the Program and the terms and conditions of the contest are spelled out in materials that will appear on the JAVA website – admin@javadc.org, the JAVA round robin, and its quarterly newsletter, The Advocate. The official application form should be downloaded from the website.

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