

ORANGE COUNTY JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

2026 College/University Freshman Scholarship Application Form

OCJAA is sponsoring up to two (2) scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to college/university freshman for the 2026-2027 academic year. The scholarships will be awarded at the OCJAA Golf Tournament being held at Tustin Ranch Golf Course on June 22 (M), 2026. The date/time and the location of the event will be announced on the website, www.OCJAA.org.

Eligibility: Any high school senior of Japanese ancestry who will be attending college/university/trade school AND who: (1) residing in Orange County; (2) graduating from a high school located in Orange County; or (3) has a parent who is an OCJAA member. **Applications and corresponding documents may be submitted by email (network@ocjaa.org) or mail (see below for address) and must be received by 5:00 pm of Friday, May 22, 2026. Please include your photo in the application. The awardee(s) must be present at the Golf Tournament to receive the award.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ High school: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, CA Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ SAT/ACT Score (if any): _____

College/University/Trade School: _____

Major: _____ Career Goal: _____

Japanese Ancestry (example: 4th generation): _____

A. SCHOLASTIC HONORS: On a separate sheet of paper, list academic awards and/or honors and document the year in which they were received. Also, attach (A) Copy of your transcript through the spring (or fall) semester of your HS senior year (B) Copy of the Official Board SAT or ACT scores, if available. Any application missing any of these requirements will render your application invalid and will not be accepted for consideration.

B. ON-CAMPUS/OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: List your major on-campus/off-campus activities. Identify leadership position held and awards received with the appropriate year noted.

C. COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT: List all community involvement. Identify specific activities, level of involvement and leadership position if applicable along with the year(s) in which engaged. Your participation in the Nikkei (Japanese American) community will be given preference.

D. INTRODUCTION & ESSAY: Provide a one paragraph introduction of yourself and submit a short essay on what your Japanese heritage means to you.

AGREEMENT: I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and the information required for a valid OCJAA scholarship application submission. I agree to verify my college enrollment and substantiate any information I have provided. **If selected, I understand that I must personally attend the award ceremony in person and be available for subsequent interviews. The detail of the ceremony will be announced by email or OCJAA website.**

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Submit your application by email to: network@ocjaa.org

OCJAA College Freshman Scholarship, 17332 Irvine Blvd. Suite 160, Tustin CA 92780.

Deadline for submission is 5:00 pm of Friday, May 22, 2026.