

2018 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Community Service Scholarship
San Francisco, CA 94115-0147

The 2018 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival is please to announce the 31st year of their annual community service scholarship for graduating senior of Japanese descent in Northern California. Please provide the following application to those graduating seniors that qualify for our consideration as a recipient of the Northern California Cherry Blossom Community Service Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be a graduating senior of Japanese American descent at an accredited high school with a grade point average of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0. Applicant should be actively involved in her or his local community.

AWARDS: Students will be awarded scholarships on the basis of commitment to their community, written essays, academic achievement and personal character. Two winners will each receive \$2500. Winners will participate in various Cherry Blossom Festival activities, including the Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 14, 2018, 1:00 pm. at the Peace Plaza Stage, Japantown, San Francisco.

DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than Saturday, March 10, 2018, and sent to the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Committee, 2441 Farrol Avenue, Union City CA 94587-5258. Applicants may also hand deliver the application package to the National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post Street, San Francisco, no later than Thursday, March 8, 2018, 12:00 noon. No electronic packet submissions will be accepted.

For further information, Please call Steven Hirabayashi, 510-471-7324 or email at yshiraba@gmail.com. The Nikkei Lions Club of San Francisco administers the Cherry Blossom Festival Community Service Scholarship Program for the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. Scholarship winners will be asked to provide a photograph to be used for the 2018 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival booklet and the media as requested.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print or type the information)

Name: _____

Current Address: _____; City: _____; ZIP: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____; City: _____; ZIP: _____

Relationship of Japanese Family Member to Applicant: _____

B. EDUCATION (Please attach a copy of your transcript or scholarship record that include the Fall semester of your senior year with your weighted GPA)

School currently attending: _____

Current weighted GPA: _____

College or University planning to attend: _____

Field of study planning to pursue: _____

C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: List your participation in your neighborhood/local community, including names of organizations, positions held, length of time involved, and period of time involved. Include clubs, church organizations, organizations, and service organizations.

D. HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Include any leadership positions held (such as club officer, team captain, and first chair in an orchestra or band).

E. HONOR, ACHIEVEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS: Include such awards as Advanced Placement classes and scores, competition awards (such as speech/debate contests, Academic Decathlon, art/music, science fair, art award).

F. HOBBIES AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS: Include activities that are not related to your school (building models, fishing, scouting).

G. FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY: List any languages spoken, your estimate of ability level (fluency) and source of this ability.

H. LETTERS OF REFERENCE - PLEASE SUBMIT TWO WITH APPLICATION:

Submit two letters of reference from individuals who will be able to provide insight into your academic qualifications, community involvement and personal character for your high school years. **One must be from a community, non-school source.** Please include a way to contact each reference (writer may include in their letter).

I. ESSAYS - ADDRESS EACH QUESTION IN AT LEAST 200 WORDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 500 WORDS:

1. Explain why you feel it was important to be involved in your neighborhood/ local community. Include why you chose the neighborhood organization for your involvement and for the commitment of your time and energy. Also include how many years or months you were involved.

2. In what ways has the ethnic minority communities in the United States, such as the Japanese American community, been a positive influence on the development of the overall American culture and values that is shared by all Americans. Give at least one example.

AGGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

All of the information I have submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge and a product of only my own words. I agree that if selected as a Northern California Cherry Blossom Scholarship winner, I will represent the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival with the highest degree of integrity, respect and citizenship.

Signature of Applicant: _____