

UPDATES FOR THE 2020 WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

****Because of the closing of schools in Santa Cruz County, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL has made changes in their 2020 Scholarship requirements (changes are in blue)****

Applications are available to download at: watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org/scholarships.

The **filing deadline** has been **extended to Monday, June 1, 2020**. (was originally Monday, May 18, 2020).

- Applicants will apply for scholarships by submitting generic application information that could apply to and satisfy all of the scholarship funds.
- The W-SC JACL's Scholarship Committee will determine, based on factors such as meritorious performance; grades; participation in certain social activities and organizations, such as *Kokoro no Gakko*; level of volunteerism; and length of membership in the JACL, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or the Westview Presbyterian Church, which applicants receive which scholarships.
- All scholarship recipients and their parents must be W-SC JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or Westview Presbyterian Church members for a minimum of one year **prior** to receipt of scholarship.
- The **award of the JACL Scholarship will be mailed to each recipient** (recipients were originally required to be present at the JACL's Annual Community Picnic. The picnic was cancelled because of the coronavirus).
- **If scholarship applicants are unable to request a sealed transcript verifying their grades, GPA, and SAT scores, the applicant may just write this information on their application.**

Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship

The Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship fund was established by Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and Mrs. Keiko Kitayama in memory of her husband, Kee, who was our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter president in 1987. Mr. Kitayama worked tirelessly for Redress and Reparations with the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988. The Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship fund provides much needed financial and moral support for our future Santa Cruz County young scholars. It upholds Mr. Kee Kitayama's legacy, encouraging our youth in their pursuit of higher education. The Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship may be awarded to graduating high school seniors to be used towards their college education.

Frank Mito Scholarship

The Frank Mito Scholarship Fund was established by his family to provide financial support for local students pursuing higher education goals. Frank Mito was an active supporter of the Watsonville Japanese American community. The Frank Mito Scholarship Fund was formerly awarded through the *Kokoro no Gakko*. The \$500 Frank Mito Scholarship may be awarded to a graduating high school senior with *Kokoro no Gakko* participation preferred and may be additive to other JACL scholarships.

The Rekiso "Ray" and Hisako "Louise" Sako Scholarships

The Rekiso and Hisako Sako Scholarships were established in 2012 to help local students who are actively involved with the JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Temple, and/or Westview Presbyterian Church pursue their higher education goals. Mrs. Sako and the late Mr. Sako have been long time members of the JACL, Senior Center, and leaders among the Japanese American Community.

A four-year undergraduate scholarship may be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship shall not be limited to first-year undergraduates. For example, an undergraduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 per year scholarship for up to three years.

A two-year graduate scholarship will be awarded at \$1,000 per year. This scholarship is not limited to a first-year graduate. For example, a graduate who has completed the first year of study may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship for a year.

Send your completed forms to our Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Committee on or before **Monday, June 1, 2020**. They should be mailed to:

JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA. 95077

Thank you.