

ORANGE COUNTY JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
2021 Koichi & Toyo Nerio Japanese Cultural Scholarship
Application Form

OCJAA will select up to three scholarships of \$1,000.00 each donated by the Nerio Family to person(s) of Japanese ancestry who is/are engaging in training to acquire Japanese cultural skills. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the OCJAA Senior Appreciation Luncheon being held via ZOOM. The date/time of the event will be announced on the website, www.OCJAA.org.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person of Japanese ancestry who is: (1) Between the ages of 19 and 40 (2) Currently in training to acquire Japanese cultural skills and wishes to continue training &/or teaching such skills and (3) Currently residing in or taking Japanese cultural lessons in Orange County. ***Japanese language school and associated achievements do not qualify for this cultural scholarship.*** Applications and corresponding documents may be submitted by e-mail or postal mail and must be received by 5 p.m. of Friday, August 27, 2021.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, CA Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Category of Cultural Training: _____ Level/Rank: _____

Name of School or Instructor: _____ Number of Years: _____

Japanese Ancestry (example: 4th generation): _____

A. JAPANESE CULTURAL TRAINING: On an additional sheet of paper, please list: Details of your cultural training and any special awards or ranks received.

B. DEMONSTRATION OF CULTURAL SKILLS: On the same or additional sheet of paper, please list all past cultural performances in which you demonstrated your cultural skills and indicate the dates and occasions/events of such performances. Please provide as much information as possible.

C. RECOMMENDATION: A letter of recommendation from your instructor must be submitted with your application.

D. ESSAY: Please submit a short essay on what your Japanese heritage means to you and how you intend to use your training and skills in the Nikkei community in the future.

AGREEMENT: I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and the information required for a valid scholarship application submission. If requested, I agree to substantiate any information I have provided. Incomplete application submissions or those submitted/mailed after the deadline will not be eligible. **If selected, I understand that I must personally attend the award ceremony by Zoom (using iPhone, smartphone, iPad or computer) and be available for subsequent interviews. The date and time of the Zoom ceremony will be announced by e-mail or OCJAA website.**

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

**Submit your application by e-mail to: network@ocjaa.org
or mail to: OCJAA, 17332 Irvine Blvd., Suite 110, Tustin, CA 92780**

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