

Application for Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Local Scholarships

A. SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

Graduating High School Senior Undergraduate Student Graduate Student

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI):

Email Address:

Permanent Address:

Phone Number:

Have you and your parent(s) been a member of the JACL for 1 year or more?

No Yes Date Joined:

JACL Chapter- JACL Membership ID# _____ (if known)

Have you and your parent(s) been a member of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple for 1 year or more?

No Yes Date Joined:

Have you and your parent(s) been a member of Westview Presbyterian Church for 1 year or more?

No Yes Date Joined:

Did you attend Kokoro no Gakko, which is usually held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple?

No Yes Date Joined and years attended:

C. ACADEMIC HISTORY

Institution enrolled for next FALL:

Overall GPA score:

Please list all schools attended beginning with most current. Entering Freshman include only your high school.

<u>Institution Name</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Major/Minor (intended)</u>	<u>GPA</u>
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D. TRANSCRIPT

The transcript must remain sealed to be considered official. Additional copies for your application are not required.

Entering Freshman: must include one official, sealed transcript from your high school.

Undergraduate: must submit transcript for previous college work completed.

Graduate: must submit current graduate transcripts.

E. JACL INVOLVEMENT

JACL is an established organization that welcomes greater youth involvement. What has your involvement been in the JACL (on the chapter, district and national levels)? Indicate level of involvement, years of participation, positions held and any awards received.

F. PERSONAL STATEMENT

1. Please write a brief statement about your core values, what is your envisioned future and what are the key elements in your personal plan to achieve your vision?
2. Please compose an essay of 500 to 750 words on either topic: “The Significance of the ‘Day of Remembrance’ Observance Today,” or “Remembering the Civil Liberties Act of August 10, 1988 (Redress and Reparations Act).”

Research materials on either topic are available by contacting Marcia Hashimoto, hashi79@sbcglobal.net, the public libraries, and/or checking the Internet. Parents, grandparents and other relatives who were unjustly incarcerated in America’s concentration camps and who received the apology and reparations are excellent sources of primary research information.

G. SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Please list all previous JACL scholarships and academic awards that you have received. Indicate for each, the year in which you received the award.

H. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(JACL activities, volunteer work, and other related involvement should be noted in JACL Involvement Section E rather than in this section.)

1. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & WORK HISTORY

Please list all campus activities, indicating the year of the activity, leadership positions held and awards received. Please also list dates and job titles of all work experience.

2. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list all community and Asian Pacific Islander involvement. Indicate years of participation, positions held, and awards received.

I. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit a letter of recommendation from a non-relative, teacher, counselor, school administrator, employer or community leader. The letter must be submitted with this application.

J. INCLUDE ONE WALLET-SIZE PHOTO

Yearbook or graduation style with a light background if possible.

K. APPLICATION PROCESSING

1. **Duplicates** - please submit the **original and two copies** of your completed application, **including all supporting documents, with the exception of official transcripts** (total of 3 complete applications, plus one copy of each required transcript.).
2. Please be sure you have completed the entire application and gathered all necessary transcripts, letters, and supporting documentation prior to submission.
3. Send your completed forms to Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Chapter Scholarship Committee on or before **Saturday, June 13th, 2026**. Mail the documents to:

**JACL Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 163
Watsonville, CA 95077-0163**

Note that the 2026 awards will be presented at the JACL Community Picnic on **Saturday, June 27, 2026** at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Thank you.