

Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship

JACL Vision

The vision of the Japanese American Citizens League is to be one of the nation's preeminent organizations in the United States in the areas of multi-ethnic and multi-cultural understanding and civil and human rights. JACL will continue to develop national programs and strategies to carry out its mission. We will promote the continuous regeneration of leadership in all aspects of public and community life, and fulfill its vision in the future.

As an educator, peace activist and community organizer, Aki Kurose embodied the principles of the JACL vision. After her death, the Seattle JACL established a scholarship in Aki Kurose's name to enable students to continue their higher education, which would enable them to give back to the community with the commitment that Aki Kurose and the Seattle JACL share. The scholarship will be \$2000 this year.

Eligibility

- 1) Applicant must have attended or is graduating from the Seattle Public Schools.
- 2) Applicant must be applying or be enrolled in a Seattle community or technical college OR a Washington state public university
- 3) Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Key Considerations

- 1) How does the applicant plan to "give back" to the community?
- 2) How does the applicant demonstrate past experience or commitment to one or more the following areas: Leadership, Community Service, Peace, Education or Teaching, Multiculturalism, or Science
- 3) Applicant's Financial Need

Steps/Timeline

- 1) Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 28, 2009
- 2) Notification of interview status – week of April 6-11, 2009
- 3) Face to face interview on Saturday, April 25, 2009
- 4) Successful candidate attends scholarship luncheon on Saturday, May 2, 2009

5) SEATTLE CHAPTER JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Aki Kurose Memorial Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: Friday, March 28, 2009

General Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) E-mail address Phone #

Mailing Address

City State Zip

How many family members are living in your household? _____

How many household members work full time? _____

What is their combined annual income (approximate) \$_____

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch at school? Yes No

Academic History

What school are you planning to attend in Fall, 2009?

What is your overall GPA? _____
(Please attach an official school transcript to document your GPA)

Personal Statement/Essay

One of the key provisions of the Aki Kurose Scholarship is a need for the recipient to demonstrate past involvement or a commitment to one or more of the following:

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| Leadership | Education or teaching |
| Community service | Multiculturalism |
| Peace | Science |

Describe in an essay of between 250 and 500 words, your direct involvement or commitment to one of the topics listed above.

Please type and double-space all statements.

Work Experience and Extra Curricular Activities

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER:

Please list all campus activities, indicating the year of the activity, leadership positions held and awards received. Indicate for each, which year you received the award.

List all community involvement. Indicate the years of participation, positions held and any awards received.

Please list all dates and job titles of all work experiences, including the number of hours worked in a week.

Letter of Recommendation

Please submit TWO letters of recommendation one from a non-related teacher, counselor, school administrator, and/or employer and one from a community leader. The letter must be submitted with the application.

Financial Information (Confidential)

(This helps to describe your financial need)

<u>Expected Expenses</u>		<u>Expected Financial Resources</u>	
Tuition	\$ _____	Parents	\$ _____
Room & Board	\$ _____	Grants/Scholarships	\$ _____
Books/Supplies	\$ _____	Student Loans	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	Personal Savings	\$ _____
Miscellaneous	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____	Total Resources	\$ _____

Please send your completed application to:

May Namba
2324 NW 94th St.
Seattle, WA 98117

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