

# 2020 Florin/National JACL Scholarship Program

The Florin JACL seeks to recognize well-rounded local high school and college students with scholarships ranging up to \$2,000.

Good grades, leadership skills, active participation in school and community events, and demonstration of volunteering and community service are qualifying attributes.

## **A. The Florin JACL Scholarship is a Combined Local & National JACL Program:**

1. **Florin JACL Chapter Scholarship program:** The Florin JACL raises funds each year through its annual Nikkei Dogs and Cupcakes Dinner / Bingo Event. Donations are gratefully accepted at Florin JACL, P.O. Box 292634, Sacramento 95829.
2. **National JACL Scholarship program:** Top applicants to the Florin JACL will be forwarded to the National JACL to compete for additional awards totaling \$70,000 in scholarships.

Information on the National JACL and their scholarships can be found on their website: <https://jacl.org/jacl-national-scholarship-program/>



2018 Scholarship Honorees Allison Tanaka, Blythe Nishi, Koji Lo, Lindsey Maseba, Sydney Takeda

## **B. Requirements to Apply for Scholarships:**

1. Student membership in the Florin JACL. For information on Florin JACL membership, please contact Jessica Okutsu at (925) 250-5491 or email [jessicaokutsu@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaokutsu@gmail.com). The Student/Youth Membership is \$30/ year.
2. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher for high school or 2.5 for college scholarships.
3. Residency requirements:
  - a. Incoming freshmen from Sacramento, Davis, and Elk Grove area high schools.
  - b. College students whose parents reside in the Sacramento, Davis, or Elk Grove areas **or**
  - c. Students who have provided strong service to the Florin JACL.
4. A required interview for finalists to be held in Sacramento on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

## **Other Rules:**

1. To ensure opportunities for more students, candidates may not apply for the Florin JACL scholarship if they have applied to other JACL chapter programs.
2. Preference is given to students who have not received a Florin JACL Scholarship before.

### **C. Evaluation Criteria for Florin / National JACL Scholarship Awards:**

The three general criteria used by the Florin JACL Scholarship Program are:

1. Community service and involvement. Participation with Florin JACL is desirable.
2. Leadership experience
3. Academic achievement

### **D. Scholarship Calendar:**

1. Scholarship Applications Available: January 2020
2. **Deadline for Postmarked Applications & ALL Documents: March 1, 2020**
3. **Required Interviews for Scholarship Finalists (Sacramento): March 15, 2020**
4. Florin JACL Applicants Notified of Awards: by March 20, 2020
5. Top Florin JACL apps forwarded to National JACL for review. April 1, 2020
6. Florin JACL Scholarship & Ice Cream Social Event: May, 2020 (TBA)
7. National JACL Applicants Notified of Awards: Late August 2020

### **E. Important Checklist for Scholarship Applications:**

**1. Incoming Freshmen:** Submit completed Florin JACL / National JACL application (Freshman version) packet, plus 3 copies. Printed hard copy of the application and documents are to be sent to Ruth Seo in Sacramento

**2. Current College Students (including Hagiwara financial aid applicants):** Need submit completed Florin JACL / National JACL packet (General College version), plus 3 copies. Printed hard copies the application and documents to be sent to Ruth Seo in Sacramento

The chart below lists the key requirements for the two packets. For more detailed information, please see the application forms. Please make sure all documents, except for official transcript, are copied on one side only. JACL Scholarship applications are available in Microsoft Word format.

Please prepare each packet and submit **by the March 1, 2020 deadline** to Ms. Ruth Seo, 920 Roeder Way, Sacramento, CA **95822**. The packets may be mailed **or** hand-delivered by March 1, 2020.

For further information or questions, please contact Florin JACL Scholarship Chairperson Ruth Seo at (916) 425-0791 or [rseo@att.net](mailto:rseo@att.net)  
Or check the Florin JACL Chapter website at: [www.florinjacl.com](http://www.florinjacl.com) or Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/florinjacl](http://www.facebook.com/florinjacl) or the Florin JACL Brochure.

<b>Florin JACL Application &amp; Document Requirements</b>	<b>1. <u>All Freshmen</u> - Florin JACL / Nat'l JACL <u>Freshman App.</u></b>	<b>2. <u>Current College Student</u> - Florin JACL / Nat'l JACL <u>Current College App.</u> - Also Hagiwara financial aid applicants</b>	
1. Application version to use.	Incoming Freshmen = JACL Freshman version.	Current college students = JACL General version.	
2. Application - Complete EACH required application and provide all documents.	Complete and print Microsoft Word form. Original + 3 copies.	Complete and print Microsoft Word form. Original + 3 copies.	
3. Transcripts (high school and/or college).	A <u>sealed</u> , certified Original <u>including Fall grades</u> . Original+3 copies	A <u>sealed</u> , certified Original Original + 3 copies	
4. SAT and/or ACT Scores	Original + 3 copies (Scores may be included in official transcript).	Not Applicable	
5. JACL Involvement	1 page maximum. Original + 3 copies	1 page maximum. Original + 3 copies	
6. Personal Statement	JACL version (2 page max) Original + 3 copies	JACL version (2 page max). Original + 3 copies	
7. Any Scholastic Honors	1 page maximum. Original + 3 copies	1 page maximum. Original + 3 copies	
8. Extracurricular Activities: Japanese Cultural, or Preferences.	Original + 3 copies (1 page max each section)	Original + 3 copies (1 page max each section)	
9. Letter of Recommendation	Original + 3 copies.	Original + 3 copies. Extra finance letter if Hagiwara	
10. Financial Info and FAFSA	Not Required	Not Required <u>unless</u> Hagiwara financial aid applicant.	
11. Deadline for Apps & Documents	March 1, 2020	March 1, 2020.	
12. Sacramento Address for Mailing or Hand-Delivery to Ruth Seo [(916) 425-0791 and <a href="mailto:rseo@att.net">rseo@att.net</a> ]	Ms. Ruth Seo Florin JACL Scholarships 920 Roeder Way Sacramento, CA <u>95822</u>	Ms. Ruth Seo Florin JACL Scholarships 920 Roeder Way Sacramento, CA <u>95822</u>	