

2012 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Community Service Scholarship
San Francisco, CA 94115-0147

The 2012 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival is pleased to announce the 25th year of their annual scholarship program for graduating seniors of Japanese descent in Northern California. Please provide the following application to those graduating seniors that qualify for our consideration as a recipient of the Cherry Blossom Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be a graduating senior of Japanese American descent at an accredited high school with a grade point average minimum of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0. Applicant should be actively involved in her or his local community.

AWARDS: Students will be awarded scholarships on the basis of commitment to their community, written essays, academic achievement and personal character. Two winners will each receive \$2,000 cash. Winners will participate in various Cherry Blossom Festival activities, including the Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 14, 2012, 1:00 pm, at the Peace Plaza Stage, Japantown, San Francisco.

DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 20, 2012, and sent to the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Committee, 2441 Farrol Avenue, Union City CA 94587-5258. Applicants may also hand deliver the application package to the National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post Street, San Francisco, 415-921-5007, no later than Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

For further information, please call Steven Hirabayashi, 510-471-7324 or email at yshiraba@gmail.com. The Nikkei Lions Club of San Francisco administers the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Program for the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival. Scholarship winners will be asked to provide a photograph to be used for the 2012 Cherry Blossom Festival booklet and the media.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print or type the following information)

Name: _____

Current Address (include ZIP): _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Address and Telephone #: _____

Relationship of Japanese Family Member to Applicant: _____

B. EDUCATION (Please attach a **copy of your transcript or scholarship record that includes the Fall semester of your senior year** with your current weighted G.P.A. verified by your school.)

School Currently Attending: _____

Current **Weighted** G.P.A.: _____

College or University Planning to Attend in Fall: _____

Field of Study Planning to Pursue: _____

C. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMNT

List your participation in your neighborhood/local community, including names of organizations, positions held, length of time involved, and period of time involved. (Include clubs, church organizations, community organizations, and service organization)

D. HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Include any leadership positions held, such as club officer, team captain, and first chair violinist.

E. HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Include such awards as Advanced Placement Classes/Scores, competition awards (speech/debate contests, Academic Decathlon, art/music, science fair).

F. HOBBIES AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Include activities that are not related to your school (building models, fishing)

G. FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY

List any languages spoken, your estimate of ability level (fluency) and source of this ability.

H. LETTERS OF REFERENCE (Please submit two with application)

Submit two letters of reference from individuals who will be able to provide insight into your academic qualifications, community involvement and personal character for your high school years. **One must be from a community, non-school source.** Please include a way to contact each reference.

I. ESSAYS – ADDRESS EACH QUESTION IN AT LEAST 200 WORDS BUT NOT MORE THAN 500 WORDS

1. Explain why you feel it was important to be involved in your neighborhood/local community. Include why you chose the neighborhood organizations for your involvement and for the commitment of your time and energy. Also include how many years or months you were involved.

2. In what ways has the ethnic minority communities in the United States, such as the Japanese American community, been a positive influence on the development of the overall American culture and values?

AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

All of the information I have submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge and a product of only my own work. I agree that if selected as a Cherry Blossom Scholarship winner, I will represent the Cherry Blossom Festival with the highest degree of integrity, respect and citizenship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



CONSENT OF PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS

We consent to our child's entry and participation as an applicant and possible winner in the Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Program and accept all rules and conditions governing her/his entry.

Parent/Guardian Signatruue: _____ Date: _____