

January 3, 2020

Dear Twin Cities High School Senior,

The Twin Cities Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League wishes to convey their congratulations on your forthcoming graduation.

For over fifty years, the local chapter has made available several scholarships of varying amounts in recognition of those students who have excelled academically, given outstanding service, or made an unusual contribution to their school and/or community. You are encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

Enclosed you will find an application form. Along with the completed application we ask that you submit a short essay (approximately 500 words), on "The Relevance of JACL Today." Also, have your Senior Counselor submit a transcript of your grades. Applications <u>and</u> transcripts must be postmarked by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 1</u>, <u>2020</u>. Please be sure to make a duplicate copy of the documents for your own files.

Please note that scholarships are available to Twin Cities JACL members only. Scholarship applicants must be current JACL members or members of a family that has a current JACL membership at the Family level. To apply for a membership, please complete a membership application and send it along with your scholarship application form. Membership forms can be found at www.tcjacl.org.

A note about your essay: You are encouraged to contact family members or visit www.jacl.org as you are doing research for your essay.

The Twin Cities Chapter of the JACL also invite you to be their guest at a dinner honoring all JACL 2020 high school graduates. The banquet will be in <u>May 2020</u>. Presentation of scholarship awards will be made that evening. More details of the awards dinner will be sent to you at a later date.

<u>National JACL scholarships:</u> In addition to the local scholarships, National JACL scholarships for entering freshmen are also available. Decisions for awards will be made this summer. Applicants are judged on the basis of their scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activites, community involvement, personal statement and letter of recommendation. Information regarding National JACL scholarships can be found at www.jacl.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 2, 2020. Note: The National JACL Scholarship program is a different program than the Twin Cities JACL Scholarship program with unique requirements and a separate application.

Best wishes as you complete the remainder of your senior year.

Sincerely,

JACL Scholarship Committee Pam Ohno Dagoberg