



# JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

January 1, 2026

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), titled "How JACL Has Affected My Life Or The Lives Of People I Know." Also, have your Senior Counselor submit a transcript of your grades. Applications and transcripts must be postmarked by Friday, April 3, 2026. 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 membership, please complete a membership application and send it along with your scholarship application form. Membership forms can be found at [www.tcjacl.org](http://www.tcjacl.org). If, for financial reasons, you would like to be considered for a one-time membership grant, please contact [scholarship@tcjacl.org](mailto:scholarship@tcjacl.org) before submitting your application.

A note about your essay: The JACL serves individuals and families in many ways. In your essay, explain how JACL has affected you, or how you have directly observed JACL affect a family member, or someone you know in the community. Use specific examples and personal observations to explain why this experience is meaningful to you. Your essay should focus on real people and real experiences rather than broad or academic descriptions of the history or mission of the JACL.

National JACL scholarships: 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 activities, community involvement, personal statement and letter of recommendation. Information regarding National JACL scholarships can be found at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org). *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  
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