



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024

The Scholarship Program of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui is a cultural scholarship awarded to High School seniors who are pursuing further education with a record of involvement in promoting and perpetuating the Japanese culture or Japanese language, and a desire to continue to do so.

JCSM will award \$1000 scholarship/s and one recipient of the Asa Ellison Memorial Scholarship Award for an applicant who in addition has shown grit in learning and in the perpetuation of the Japanese language – at \$1500. More awards may be given depending on funding. The deadline to apply for the 2024 Scholarship Program is **March 30, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** No extensions.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a resident of the island of Maui during the senior year.
- The applicant must be a graduate of the class of 2024 from a high school on Maui.
- The applicant must complete the Scholarship Program Application Form and submit all the requirements by the deadline.

Criteria:

- 50 points – ESSAY. Interest, desire and explanation in perpetuating Japanese culture based on the application questions.
- 30 points – INVOLVEMENT in Japanese culture promotion such as extracurricular events in school or community activities.
- 10 points – RECOMMENDATION. At least 1 letter of recommendation from a non-relative explaining the applicant's character and potential.
- 10 points – FINANCIAL NEED.

SUBMISSION:

You can choose between two ways to submit your application:

1. By email to **jcsmhawaii@gmail.com**, must be received by March 30, 2024 11:59 p.m.
2. Regular mail to **JCSM Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 5090, Kahului, HI 96733** postmarked by March 30, 2024, 11:59 p.m.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Checklist:

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Copy of official High School Transcript or proof of graduation (photo/scan is OK)
- Applicant Profile Photo (selfie OK)
- Recommendation letter (signed and dated)
- (Optional) Supporting photos of no more than 5

For questions, please contact Scholarship Chair Brian Nagami at jcsmhawaii@gmail.com.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile: _____

High School: _____

Parent or guardian name/s: _____

Please check:

I hereby affirm that I am currently a Maui senior student scheduled to graduate High School this year (2024)

II. COLLEGE PLANS

Please share with us your intended major or field of study, and the name and address of the university you will attend. Please indicate if you are still waiting for acceptance.

III. FINANCIAL NEED (10 points)

In a few words, please share with us what you intend to do with the scholarship money if you are selected.

IV. RECOMMENDATION LETTER (10 points)

Submitted by: _____

Title and company: _____

Relation to the applicant: _____ Email: _____

V. INVOLVEMENT IN JAPANESE CULTURE (30 points)

Please list ALL of your school and community **activities, awards, honors, and/or employment** and highlight those that have involvement in perpetuating the Japanese culture or Japanese language. Include dates, companies involved, and other details that you deem will be helpful in your application. You may submit a maximum of 5 photos to support your application.

VI. ESSAY (50 points)

No more than 500 words per question.

1. Provide a short background about yourself and what factors got you involved in Japanese cultural events or Japanese language in your home, school or community.
2. What do you think are the main challenges faced by the Japanese community on Maui, and by those who are helping perpetuate its culture or language to future generations? Why are these issues important to you and what solutions do you recommend to solve them?
3. In college and after graduation, how do you plan to promote Japanese culture or Japanese language to your peers? Provide specific details if possible.
4. With the Aug. 8 wildfires on Maui, the recent Japan earthquakes, and other future potential natural disasters our generation will face, how can YOU continue to perpetuate the Japanese culture or Japanese language in a manner which could aid in bringing about more unity, inspiration and hope?

VII. CERTIFICATION/RELEASE

I hereby certify that all information contained herein and any supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further authorize the release of all information contained herein for promotion purposes and do hereby release the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, its officers, directors, members, agents, volunteers and affiliates, from any and all claims relating to the release thereof.

APPLICANT’S FULL NAME and SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PARENT or COUNSELOR’S NAME and SIGNATURE:

DATE:
