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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019

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

The selection and number of scholars are vetted by the JCSM Scholarship Committee and approved by its Board of Directors. The scholarship is funded by various fundraising programs such as the Maui Matsuri Shave Ice and Soda booth.

The deadline to apply for the 2019 Scholarship Program is March 30, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. No extensions.

### Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a resident of the island of Maui.
- The applicant must be scheduled to graduate in 2019 from a high school on Maui with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- 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 the 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.

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### SUBMISSION CHECK LIST:

Make sure the following are attached via email to [jcsmhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:jcsmhawaii@gmail.com) on or before March 30, 2019, 11:59 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted.

- Are you a Maui-resident, High School senior graduating in 2019?
- Completed and signed Application Form
- Copy of High School Transcript
- Applicant Profile Photo (selfie is OK!)
- Recommendation letter
- 4 separate attachments: Answers for (1) involvement and (3) for essay questions)
- (Optional) Supporting photos of no more than 5

*For questions, please contact JCSM Scholarship Program Committee Chair Sandy Hirata at (808) 283-7746 or email [jcsmhawaii@gmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. COLLEGE PLANS

Please share with us your intended major or field of study, and which university you plan to attend. Indicate if you are still waiting for their response, if ever.

## 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. INVOLVMENT IN JAPANESE CULTURE (30 points)**

*List all in just one sheet of paper.*

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

**VI. ESSAY (50 points)**

*Do not exceed 1 sheet of paper to answer EACH question below.*

1. (1 sheet) Provide a short background about yourself and what factors got you involved in Japanese cultural events in your home, school or community.
2. (1 sheet) What do you think are the main challenges faced by the Japanese community on Maui, and by those who are helping perpetuate its culture to future generations? Why are these issues important to you and what solutions to do recommend to solve them?
3. (1 sheet) In college and after graduation, how do you plan to promote the Japanese culture to your peers? Provide specific details if possible.

**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:

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PARENT or COUNSELOR'S NAME and SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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