JAPANESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline: January 19, 2019

The Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation is pleased to offer five scholarships in the amount of $2,000 to $3,000 each for deserving law students and recent law school graduates in furtherance of their legal education.

(1) Justice John F. Aiso Scholarship. Justice Aiso served as the chief instructor of what became the Military Intelligence Service Language School. In 1953, he became the first Japanese American California state judge when Governor Earl Warren appointed him to the municipal court. He was later appointed to the Second Appellate District in 1968.

(2) Justice Stephen K. Tamura Scholarship. Justice Tamura was interned in Poston with his family and later served in the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In 1961, Governor Pat Brown appointed him to the Orange County Superior Court and later elevated him to the Fourth Appellate District. Justice Tamura was the first Asian American to sit on the California Court of Appeal. He also served as Justice Pro Tem on the California Supreme Court.

(3) Judge Edward Y. Kakita Memorial Scholarship. Judge Kakita was interned with his family during World War II. He was the driving force behind the formation of the Japanese American Bar Association ("JABA") in 1976 and became JABA's first President. Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the Superior Court in 1980. This scholarship is intended for those law students interested in practicing in the areas of international law, commercial litigation, and/or corporate law.

(4) LimNexus Foundation Scholarship. The LimNexus Foundation Scholarship is funded by the law firm of LimNexus LLP. The LimNexus Foundation works through bar associations to grant scholarships to minority law students in the pursuit of a more just and equitable society.

(5) M. Dick Osumi Civil Rights and Public Interest Scholarship. Mr. Osumi was a prominent civil rights and labor attorney who served as JABA President in 1992. He was one of the founding members of JABA's Community Education Committee, and one of the founders of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. This scholarship is intended for those law students interested in practicing in the areas of civil rights, public interest law, and/or public policy.

To Apply:
The scholarships are open to law students and recent law school graduates with a demonstrated commitment to community service, including but not limited to a commitment to serving the Japanese American community and/or the API community. Additional factors may include financial need, adversity, academic achievement, and desire to practice law in the Southern California area. Prior applicants are encouraged to re-apply if not previously selected.

Please complete and sign the application form available at www.jabaonline.org/scholarships/. All applications must be emailed (preferably in a single PDF attachment) by the deadline to JEFscholarship@gmail.com. In addition, please submit the following with your application:

- your current resume;
- an official or unofficial transcript from your law school; and
- a personal statement of no more than 500 words addressing the following:
    - your demonstrated commitment to community service;
    - your ties/involvement with the Japanese American community and/or API community (past, present and/or future), if any;
    - your plans for using your law degree; and
    - any other information you feel is relevant to your application.

Once your application materials are submitted, you will get a confirmation email of receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation within a week of submission, please send a brief email to JABAedfound@gmail.com to inquire whether your application was received (in case it ended up in the spam folder or was otherwise misdirected).

The scholarship recipients will be honored at the JABA Installation & Awards Gala in Los Angeles, date TBA. Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory to receive a scholarship.

Thank you for your interest in the Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation scholarships. If you have questions, please e-mail Karyn Ihara and Allyson Sakai, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, at JEFscholarship@gmail.com.