

2008 JETAANC SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is JETAANC?

- The JET Alumni Association of Northern California is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization open to current and returning participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. JETAANC formed in 1990, and became a California Public Benefit Corporation.
- The organization serves as a support network and resource for returning participants in their transition to the Northern California area, and also provides assistance in the recruitment and orientation for the JET Program to the Consulate General of Japan, San Francisco.
- JETAANC exists as an organization to assist and support all JET participants as they readjust to life in the United States. It additionally serves as an extended network of JETs who wish to keep their connections with Japan and the JET Program alive. In accordance, JETAANC seeks to provide career, educational, and re-entry guidance for all JETAANC members.
- For more information visit: <http://www.jetaanc.org/>

What is the JET Program?

- The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program invites young college and university graduates from overseas to participate in international exchange and foreign language education throughout Japan. Established in 1987, the program has earned a high reputation, both in Japan and overseas, for its efforts in human and cultural exchanges, and has become one of the largest cultural exchange programs in the world.
- For more information visit: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/

When is the application deadline?

- Applications must be postmarked by March 28, 2008. All applications postmarked after this date will be discarded.

When can I expect to hear back about whether I am the winner?

- The selected recipient will be notified during May, 2008. All applicants will be notified of the result with an email or letter.

What happens if I win?

- The winner is invited to a presentation dinner where they will meet some JETAANC members. The winner can bring along a parent or teacher to this dinner. We will work with the winner to get details of their school, and transfer the scholarship money directly to their school during August.

How do I get a copy of the scholarship application?

- Go to: <http://www.jetaanc.org> to download and print a copy of the application.

What if I cannot print the file from the website?

- You may email a request for a hard-copy application to be sent to you.
- Email requests should go to: scholarship@jetaanc.org

May I submit my application by email?

- No. Completed applications will only be accepted via regular mail when postmarked by March 28, 2008. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her application is complete.

How do I get my questions answered about the JETAANC Scholarship?

- All questions may be directed in email to: scholarship@jetaanc.org. JETAANC is staffed entirely with volunteers, so it may take several days for you to get a reply.

Do I have to study Japanese or plan to major in Japanese to be eligible for the scholarship?

- Not necessarily. To be eligible, candidates must demonstrate an interest in Japan, Japanese language, and/or Japanese culture.

I live in Southern California. May I apply?

- Unfortunately, no. Eligibility for the scholarship is extended only to those high school seniors residing in Nevada and the 48 northernmost California counties that JETAANC's geographic area serves. This excludes San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernadino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial counties.

Can I expect to have my application materials returned from JETAANC?

- No. All materials submitted, including application, transcripts, and recommendations will become property of JETAANC.

If I do not win, may I apply again for the scholarship next year?

- No. The JETAANC Scholarship is available only to current high school seniors. It is a non-renewable, one-year scholarship.

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