

**2008**  
**JETAANC SCHOLARSHIP**  
**FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**



**JAPAN EXCHANGE AND TEACHING**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## **JETAANC Scholarship for High School Seniors**

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association of Northern California Scholarship for High School Seniors honors one high school senior each year who has a sincere and demonstrated interest in Japan with a non-renewable \$1000 academic scholarship.

JETAANC provides this award to one high school student who will be pursuing studies at an accredited institution of higher learning beginning Fall 2008 and who is a resident of one of the Northern Californian counties JETAANC serves or Nevada. (see "Eligibility").

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents who plan to attend as full-time students an undergraduate program at an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning within the United States commencing Fall 2008.

Applicants must be high school seniors at either a public or private high school within the Northern Californian or Nevada counties JETAANC serves. This area includes Monterey, Kings, Tulane, and Inyo counties and all Californian counties north of them. It also includes all of Nevada.

Applicants must possess a sincere interest in Japan, as demonstrated by at least one (1) year of directed interest.

### **Application Procedure**

Type the application form or print it in blue or black ink. Submit with your application the following:

- ❖ Most recent high school transcript (original).
- ❖ Two (2) recommendation letters on letterhead, each in a sealed envelope that is signed across the seal by the recommender
- ❖ Typed essay questions.

Completed applications must be sent to:

JETAANC Scholarship  
JET Alumni Association of Northern California  
c/o  
Douglas Shelton  
PO BOX 2873  
San Francisco, CA  
94126

### **Selection Criteria**

The JETAANC Scholarship Committee, made up of or selected by the JETAANC Board of Directors, will evaluate applications. Applications will be critiqued based on the applicant's demonstrated interest in Japan, academic accomplishments and interests, recommendations, reflection questions, and general impressions from the application form. Neither the Consulate General of Japan, nor any official Japanese government entity, participates in the review of the applications.

### **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 28, 2008**

Applications received with a postmark later than March 28, 2008 will not be accepted. The winner will be notified in May, 2008.

**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 in 1994.

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 for JET alumni 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.”

... Excerpt from the JET Program Official Web Site

**For more information visit:** [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/jet/](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/jet/)

**Application for JETAANC Scholarship for High School Seniors**  
Please type or print neatly in blue or black ink. All information is required.

**Applicant Information**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (with Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle) MALE or FEMALE

Birthdate (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

What high school do you currently attend? (Please provide name, address and telephone number.)

If you have attended any other high schools, please list. Include dates attended and locations.

Where did you hear about this scholarship?

Describe why you are applying for this scholarship.

List and describe any extracurricular activities, community service or part-time work.

## References

Name the two (2) people whom you have asked to complete recommendation letters on your behalf. Please enclose the sealed recommendation letters, signed across the seal, with this application.

(1)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

(2)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Questions

Please answer the following, required as part of your application.

A) Explain the significance of Japan in your life.

Include:

- how an experience with Japanese culture or an encounter with a Japanese person has impacted your life thus far.
- how this experience may have changed your approach or outlook on your relationships with others, studies, and/or future plans.

B) Describe a triumph or an obstacle that you have experienced in life. This does not need to be related to Japan.

**Please observe the following guidelines in preparing answers to the above questions:**

- Total words for A and B should be no more than 1000 words.
- Each answer should be typed and double-spaced, using a 12-point font.
- Begin each question on a separate piece of paper.
- Your full name, page number and "Question A" or "Question B" should appear on each page.
- Please use paper clips instead of staples in assembling your application.

## Transcripts

Please provide an original of your most recent high school transcript.

## Declaration of Applicant

- I have answered all questions applicable to me;
- I propose to be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning commencing Fall 2008; and
- I agree to allow my name, essay responses, and study plans to be released publicly if I receive this award.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her application is complete. All applications and their contents will become property of JETAANC. Please make a photocopy of the application for your records.**