

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Alumni Association of Northern California Announces the 2019 University Scholarship Program**

*\$2,000 Scholarship Available for High School Seniors Entering a 2 or 4-year College or  
University With an Interest in Japanese Culture or Language*

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The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Alumni Association of Northern California (JETAANC) today announced its 2019 scholarship program for high school seniors going onto an accredited two or four year higher education program. The JETAANC scholarship is open to students of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency, living in the California counties north of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino counties, as well as all of Nevada. Applicants are judged based on a number of criteria including a demonstrated interest in Japan, Japanese language, or Japanese culture, as well as academic accomplishments, a personal essay, and recommendations.

2019 applications are available for online submission via the JETAANC website scholarship page [www.jetaanc.org/scholarship](http://www.jetaanc.org/scholarship) and are due by April 12, 2019. The winner will be announced in May 2019. For further information about the scholarship as well as general information about the JET Program Alumni Association please visit [www.jetaanc.org](http://www.jetaanc.org) or send an email to [scholarship@jetaanc.org](mailto:scholarship@jetaanc.org).

#### About JETAANC

JETAANC is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the local awareness and understanding of Japan and its culture, and serves as a support network and resource for current and former JET participants in Northern California and Nevada. JETAANC is active in many Japan-related cultural and artistic events, and community, educational and international exchange activities in its service area.

Members of the organization are former participants of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, sponsored by the Japanese government, which aims to increase the mutual understanding between the people of Japan and other nations. The program promotes international relations in Japan's local communities by helping to improve foreign language education and developing international exchange activities at the community level.

Every year the JET Program sends Assistant Language Teachers and Coordinators for International Relations to villages, towns and cities throughout Japan. The program, which dates back to 1987, has employed over 61,000 people from 55 different countries since its inception. Historically, the Northern California region has maintained strong ties to Japan and has been one of the largest recruiting grounds for the JET Program. Likewise, JETAANC is one of the largest JET alumni associations in the world, with almost 2,800 registered members.