



Kona Japanese Civic Association

Heritage • Culture • Diversity

One of the objectives of the Kona Japanese Civic Association is to preserve the unique legacy of the many contributions of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Kona community. It is also our objective to support cultural and educational programs that promote awareness and pride in our Japanese heritage. We hope that by offering these scholarships we bring awareness to our legacy and heritage.

Brief Description: We are offering two (2) \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from a high school in West Hawaii who has been accepted at an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., community college, college or university.

Purpose: The purpose of the scholarship is to support college bound students who wish to perpetuate and promote the Japanese culture.

Entry Format: Each applicant must complete and submit the Scholarship Application and an Essay on the following topic:

How has the Japanese culture influenced your life
and how do you think it will influence you in the future?

The essay should be submitted on an 8 ½" X 11" white paper and printed on one side. The essay must contain no more than 600 words. Please provide the original and five (5) additional copies of your essay. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. Each applicant must also submit a picture.

Submittal Deadline: The scholarship application and essay must be postmarked by March 22, 2019. Please mail applications to:
Carol Kitaoka
P. O. Box 2107
Kealahou, Hawaii 96750

Judging: Scholarship applications will be judged by a panel of educators and community leaders. Essays will be judged according to the following criteria:

- *Awareness of Japanese culture
- *Level of interest in Japanese culture
- *Correct Punctuation, spelling, grammar, neatness
- *Essay within the 600 word limit

Interview: An interview may be scheduled.

Award: The scholarship will be presented at the Kona Japanese Civic Association Annual Festival, as well as at the Senior Awards Night at the recipients' high school by a member of the Kona Japanese Civic Association.

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