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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021

The Scholarship Program of the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui is a cultural scholarship awarded to High School seniors, and UH Maui College full time students who are pursuing further education with a record of involvement in promoting and perpetuating the Japanese culture or Japanese language and a desire to continue to do so.

The selection and number of scholars are vetted by the JCSM Scholarship Committee and approved by its Board of Directors. The scholarship is funded by various JCSM fundraising programs and donations.

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Scholarship Program is March 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. No extensions.

### Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a resident of the island of Maui.
- The applicant must be a graduate of the class of 2021 from a high school on Maui or a current full-time student at the University of Hawaii Maui College.
- The applicant must complete the Scholarship Program Application Form and submit all the requirements by the deadline.

### Criteria:

- 40 points – ESSAY. Interest, desire and explanation in perpetuating the Japanese culture based on the application questions.
- 40 points – INVOLVEMENT in Japanese culture promotion such as extracurricular events in school or community activities.
- 10 points – RECOMMENDATION. At least 1 letter of recommendation from a nonrelative explaining the applicant's character and potential. Recommendation letters must be written in English only.
- 10 points – FINANCIAL NEED.

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### SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

Make sure the following are attached via email to [jcsmhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:jcsmhawaii@gmail.com) on or before March 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted.

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Copy of official High School Transcript or proof of graduation or proof of enrollment at UH Maui College (scan/photo OK)
- Applicant Profile Photo (selfie OK)
- Recommendation letter (signed by its author, digital signature is OK)
- (Optional) Supporting photos of no more than 5

*For questions, please contact JCSM Scholarship Program Committee Chair Eugene Shikuma at [jcsmhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:jcsmhawaii@gmail.com).*



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

### I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

High School / UHMC Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

- I hereby affirm that I am/was a Maui resident who graduated High School in 2021.*

### II. COLLEGE PLANS

For High School seniors: please share with us your intended major or field of study, and which university you plan to attend. Indicate if you are still waiting for their response, if ever. For UHMC students: share with us your plans for continued education.

### III. FINANCIAL NEED (10 points)

In a few words, please share with us what you intend to do with the scholarship money if you are selected.

### IV. RECOMMENDATION LETTER (10 points)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and company: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. INVOLVEMENT IN JAPANESE CULTURE (40 points)

Please list ALL of your school and community activities, awards, honors, and employment and **highlight those that have involvement in perpetuating the Japanese culture or Japanese language.** Include dates, companies involved, and other details that you deem will be helpful in your application. You may submit a maximum of 5 supporting photos as separate attachments to your email.

**V. ESSAY (40 points)**

*Answer ALL questions below, using no more than one sheet to answer EACH question.*

1. Provide a short background about yourself and what factors got you involved in Japanese cultural events or Japanese language in your home, school or community.
2. Outside of pandemic-caused issues, what do you think are the main challenges faced by the Japanese community on Maui, and by those who are helping perpetuate its culture or language to future generations? Why are these issues important to you and what solutions do you recommend to solve them?
3. After graduation, how do you plan to promote the Japanese culture or Japanese language to your peers? Provide specific details if possible.
4. Considering that we are living in times of unprecedented societal unrest and a pandemic, how can YOU continue to perpetuate the Japanese culture or Japanese language in a manner which could aid in bringing about more unity, inspiration and hope?

**VI. CERTIFICATION/RELEASE**

I hereby certify that all information contained herein and any supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further authorize the release of all information contained herein, including photos submitted, for promotion purposes and do hereby release the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, its officers, directors, members, agents, volunteers and affiliates, from any and all claims relating to the release thereof.

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME and SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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PARENT or COUNSELOR'S NAME and SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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