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### **Applications Now Available for the Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program** *A Unique Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students to Visit Japan*

*San Francisco (February 2, 2011)* – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is inviting interested youth to apply for its inaugural Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program to Japan. This new unique youth scholarship program to travel to Japan is open to 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in learning more about their Nikkei heritage, gaining valuable leadership skills, participating in their community, creating international friendships and experiencing culture first-hand through a 10-day trip to Japan from July 19-28, 2011.



Interested families and youth organization representatives are encouraged to learn more at informational meetings at the JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, February 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m. or Friday, February 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please RSVP for this meeting by calling (415) 567-5505.

The Takahashi Youth Ambassador Fellowship Program is named in honor of Henri and Tomoye Takahashi who through the generosity of their foundation this program is possible.

For more information, please contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505, visit their website at <http://www.jcccnc.org/> or download the [TYAFP Flyer](#) or [TYAFP Application](#).

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### **About the JCCCNC**

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and facility usage. The JCCCNC is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.

### **JCCCNC US-Japan Youth Exchange Program History**

The JCCCNC has provided opportunities for Bay Area youth to travel to Japan for cultural exchange programs for the past 14 years. As part of the 40th anniversary of the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City relationship, the JCCCNC and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco sponsored the first exchange program to Osaka and Kobe, Japan in 1997.