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The JCCCNC is Seeking Applicants for 2013 Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program

San Francisco, CA (March 13, 2013) – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program (Kase Program). The Kase Program funded by G. Kase and coordinated by the JCCCNC, in cooperation with the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC), aims to support the development of the next generation of community leaders.

“The Kase Program has provided me with countless opportunities and tremendous growth. From career skills development to learning about the rich history of this community, I have gained the knowledge and skills to enter the job market with confidence and to continue making a difference in our community.”

-Sara Matsumoto, 2012 Kase intern

The Kase Program consists of two phases. Phase one is an eight-week (full-time) Summer Community Internship at a non-profit organization in San Francisco's Japantown. Interns will receive valuable training in community service, volunteerism, cultural preservation and networking with various community leaders. One day of each week is reserved for the interns to visit various Japanese American organizations, community leaders, and participate in leadership and career development workshops to expand their personal knowledge of available community services and resources.

Phase two is from September 2013—May 2014, which interns will participate in a part-time (approx. 40 hrs/month) Career Internship that will focus on the student's individual career interest and development needs. Successful Japanese American professionals will be identified to host interns and provide guidance and experience in specific fields.

Up to five (5) participants will be selected who will each receive a \$5,000 educational scholarship for their successful completion of the Kase Program.



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Students will be selected based on their application, letter of recommendation and interview.

At least one of the Career Internships will focus on youth organizing and engaging other young people in supporting the long-term viability of the Japantown community. The youth organizer will facilitate communication about community involvement opportunities, organize youth gatherings and identify potential projects or activities that will keep young people engaged in the Japantown community.

Important information about the Kase Nikkei Youth Scholarship Program:

1. Participants must be available full-time for the Summer Community Internship from June 23—August 16, 2013 and part-time for the Career Internship from September 2013-May 2013.
2. Japanese ancestry is not a requirement but a strong background of involvement in the Japanese American community is required, as well as a desire to learn about Japanese/Japanese American culture, heritage and our San Francisco Japantown community.
3. To be eligible for the 2013 program, the applicant must be continuing or entering college during the fall 2013 school year and be 18 years old at the start of the program. (birth date on or before June 23, 1995)
4. Applications and letter of recommendation are DUE on Friday, April 26, 2013.
5. Qualified applicants will be invited to a personal interview April 29-May 3 and participants will be selected in early May.

Applications are available online at www.jcccnc.org/programs/nci.htm.

Please submit application and letter of recommendation by Friday, April 26, 2013 to:

JCCCNC
Attn: Kase Scholarship
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Applications can be faxed to (415) 567-4222 to meet the April 26 deadline, but the original application and letter of recommendation need to be submitted by April 29 to be considered for the program.

For more information or to fill out the application, visit <http://www.jcccnc.org/programs/nci.htm> or contact Lori Matoba at (415) 567-5505 or email imatoba@jcccnc.org.

About G. Kase

G. Kase has been a strong supporter of the JCCCNC in recent years, most notably to help the Center "Go Green" and install solar panels on the gymnasium roof which has significantly reduced the JCCCNC electricity bill. G. Kase believes that the Center is a second home in the community and that supporting the leadership development of Japanese American youth is vital to the future of our community, preserving its rich history, heritage and traditions for generations to come. By developing this Scholarship Fund, it has been the wish of G. Kase to provide financial support and an opportunity to go to college for those who might not have had the ability to do so otherwise.

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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.