



Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program

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The Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program (Kase Program) will offer Nikkei students a financial scholarship for their education and an opportunity to support the work of a nonprofit community organization while developing their career and life-skills to increase their future employability. The program will also enhance their understanding of and provide the necessary tools to help address contemporary issues affecting San Francisco's Japantown. Coordinated by the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (the Center/JCCCNC), the goal of the program is to develop the next generation of community leaders.

Starting in June, participants in the Kase Program will take part in an eleven-week, full-time (including some weekend days) internship at the Center, a non-profit organization in Japantown that has been working to promote and preserve Japanese American culture, heritage and the community for over 47 years.

Up to five (5) \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants who successfully complete the Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program. Participants are selected based on their application, letter of recommendation and interview.

Important Dates and Information

1. **The 2020 Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program is an eleven-week commitment that will provide valuable experience in leadership development, non-profit work and community organizing, as well as develop skills related to the individual's career interest. Participants must be available full-time (and some weekends) for the Program from June 11-August 21, 2020.**
2. **Japanese ancestry is not a requirement but a significant background of involvement in the Japanese American community is required for participation in the Kase Program, as well as a strong desire to learn about Japanese/Japanese American culture, heritage and our San Francisco Japantown community.**
3. **To be eligible for the 2020 Program, the applicant must be continuing their education during the fall of 2020, or have recently graduated from college and be 18 years old at the start of the program (birth date on or before June 1, 2002).**
4. **Applications are DUE by Friday, April 17, 2020.**
 - a. **The Kase Program application process is a two-step process. After the initial applications have been submitted, qualified applicants will be invited to a personal interview and then participants will be selected by April 30, 2020.**



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Section I: Applicant Information

First Name:	Last Name:
School:	Major/Field of Interest and Year of Graduation:
Telephone:	E-mail:
Current Mailing Address: Street City/State/Zip	
Permanent Mailing Address (if different from above): Street City/State/Zip	

You will have the opportunity to develop skills during the course of the internship, but please give us an idea of what skills you will bring to the program:

Skills	Skill Level			
Collaborative Work	None	Some	Moderate	High
Community Organizing	None	Some	Moderate	High
Data Entry	None	Some	Moderate	High
Event Organizing	None	Some	Moderate	High
Group Facilitation	None	Some	Moderate	High
Internet Research	None	Some	Moderate	High
Journalism/Writing	None	Some	Moderate	High
Media and Design	None	Some	Moderate	High
Public Speaking	None	Some	Moderate	High
Web Development	None	Some	Moderate	High
Languages & Other Skills:				

Please indicate your interests or types of projects you are interested in. (check all that apply)

Arts and Culture	Community Outreach and Participation
Cultural and Historic Preservation	Marketing and PR
Educational Programs	Networking and Building Partnerships
Economic and Community Development	Promoting Intergenerational Interaction
Development and Fundraising	Research and Data Collection
Working with Older Adults	U.S.-Japan Programs
Working with Youth	Program/Event Planning
Other:	



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Section II: Personal Statement

Using the space provided, in a single-spaced, typed statement, include your responses to the following:

- What type of leadership and community experience have you had, especially as they pertain to the Japanese American community?
- With these experiences how do you see yourself participating in the Japanese American community?
- What do you hope to gain from your participation in the Kase Nikkei Community Scholarship Program?



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Section III: Letter of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a **non-family** member who should state how they are acquainted with you and comment on your leadership skills and/or community experiences.

Section IV: Japanese American Community Involvement

Please indicate any Japanese American community organizations that you and your family are actively involved with, type of involvement, which family member, and years served.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type of Involvement</u>	<u>Participant / Parent</u>	<u>Years Served</u>

I certify that the information provided in this application is true.

Signature _____ Date of Birth _____

Date: _____

Please submit this application by the deadline with letter of recommendation to:

Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC)
Attn: Kase Scholarship Program
1840 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Applications can be faxed to (415) 567-4222 or emailed (imatoba@jcccnc.org) to meet the deadline, but the original application and letter of recommendation need to be submitted no later than three (3) business days after the deadline to be considered for the program.

For more information, please contact Lori Matoba at (415) 567-5505 or email imatoba@jcccnc.org.