



## UW NIKKEI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

To Whom It May Concern:

The UW Nikkei Alumni Association is an organization offering scholarships to students of Japanese ancestry who attend the University of Washington. We request that you encourage eligible students to apply for our awards. Enclosed are an application form and a description of our organization.

Please feel free to duplicate copies of the application and have your qualified students mail their completed forms before April 15 to:

Scholarship Chair  
UW Nikkei Alumni Association  
2703 36th Avenue S.W.  
Seattle, WA 98126

Our scholarship committee offers awards to students based on their financial need, academic achievement and community service, especially to the Asian-American community.

Generally, five awards ranging from \$2500-\$3000 are granted by our Board of Trustees. Successful applicants will be notified. For further information, please see our website @ [www.uwnikkeialums.org](http://www.uwnikkeialums.org)





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### WHAT IS UW NIKKEI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION? (formerly known as University Students Club, Inc.)

As the enrollment of Japanese American students increased at the University of Washington during the first two decades of the 20th century, the Japanese community foresaw a need to provide a student center for all students of Japanese ancestry. A fund drive was organized and the response was very gratifying, as many donors contributed in large and small amounts, their hard-earned money. The culmination of this drive was the purchase of a two-story center, conveniently located across from the UW campus at 4115 15th Ave. N.E. The first meeting of the incorporators of the University Students Club was held at this address at noon on the 8th day of June, 1922.

Although the center was occupied by men students, women students were welcome to enjoy the lounge facilities. Membership was open to all students, regardless of race, nationality or religion. With the influx of World War II veterans at the UW campus, the center became very popular because of its pleasant atmosphere and convenient location. It also took on a new identity as the SYNKOVA House. The name SYNKOVA was coined and commemorated in the memory of former members who gave their lives in World War II with each letter representing the last name of a fallen veteran, or in some cases a letter represented more than one veteran.

As the years wore on, man and nature began to take their toll on the House. A decision had to be made as to whether the House should be renovated or sold. After months of deliberations, the Board of Trustees of the club decided to sell the House to the UW, and the sale was approved by the general membership in 1962 for \$58,500. After selling costs and repayment of debts previously incurred for necessary repairs, the net cash amount realized was \$52,114.31.

With the funds from the sale of the House, the Board decided to offer scholarships to students of Japanese ancestry to the University of Washington. Through a very careful and wise investment program, the club has been able to grant numerous scholarships while maintaining its original capital. Annual scholarships have been offered since 1965, and the total dollar amount of the grants has exceeded the sales price of the House.

As for the old SYNKOVA site, the UW has constructed a new Social Work and Speech and Hearing Science Building there. It cost \$7.4 million and was completed in 1980. In 1983, the club installed in the new building a plaque which commemorates the building site as the former home of the University Students Club, Inc., and pays high tribute to the Issei for their contributions to the younger generations.

The UW Nikkei Alumni Association Scholarship Awards are now officially listed in the handbook of the UW Office of Financial Aid. Additional scholarship information and applications can be obtained by writing to: UW Nikkei Alumni Association, Scholarship Committee, c/o 2703 36th Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98126.

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**UW NIKKEI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(For students of Japanese ancestry who attend the University of Washington)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHPLACE \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR GRADUATED OR WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER:**

**MOTHER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(occupation/annual income)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(occupation/annual income)

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How many brothers and sisters do you have who are claimed as dependents on your parents' income tax form? Please list their first names and ages below. \_\_\_\_\_

Of those mentioned above, how many of your brothers and sisters are attending universities and colleges? Please list below their names, year in college and the university they are attending. \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be registering at the U of W as a full time student? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. in high school \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. in college \_\_\_\_\_

List significant school activities, honors and awards:

**PLEASE LIST THREE CHARACTER REFERENCES:**

Name

Address

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Please list all the community services you have participated in or performed. What was the nature of your services?**

**How do you plan to finance your college education? (Please provide any personal or family information that would be helpful in assessing your financial situation. ~~For example, are you applying for other sources of financial aid? If so, where?~~ How much of your university finances will you and your family pay?)**

**On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a comprehensive statement of your educational goals, major field of study, and reasons for your choice. Please include a statement of your goal to provide service to your community upon graduation from the university or while attending the university.**

**Candidates for this scholarship must be of Japanese ancestry. Please explain how you qualify.**

**Please return application to:**

**UW NIKKEI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Scholarship Committee  
c/o 2703 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98126**

**DEADLINE:**

**Application should be postmarked no later than  
APRIL 15**

**PLEASE SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.**

**CERTIFICATION:**

**I hereby certify that the information I have given in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the applicant