

JAPANESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTION SHEET

The Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation is pleased to offer four scholarships to deserving law students in the amount of \$2,000 each.

- (1) Justice John F. Aiso Scholarship. Justice Aiso served as the chief instructor of what became the Military Intelligence Service Language School. In 1953, he became the first Japanese American California state judge when Governor Earl Warren appointed him to the municipal court. He was later appointed to the Second Appellate District in 1968.
- (2) Justice Stephen K. Tamura Scholarship. Justice Tamura was interned in Poston with his family and later served in the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. In 1961, Governor Pat Brown appointed him to the Orange County Superior Court and later elevated him to the Fourth Appellate District. Justice Tamura was the first Asian American to sit on the California Court of Appeal. He also served as Justice Pro Tem on the California Supreme Court.
- (3) Judge Edward Y. Kakita Memorial Scholarship. Judge Kakita was interned with his family during World War II. He was the driving force behind the formation of the Japanese American Bar Association (“JABA”) in 1976 and became JABA’s first President. Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the Superior Court in 1980.
- (4) LRK Foundation Scholarship. The LRK Foundation Scholarship is funded by the law firm of Lim, Ruger & Kim, LLP. The LRK Foundation works through bar associations to grant scholarships to minority law students in the pursuit of a more just and equitable society. Please note that if you apply for the LRK Foundation Scholarship, your application may be shared with the LRK Foundation.

Criteria. General criteria for all four scholarships include: (1) service in the Asian Pacific American community, (2) financial need, (3) overcoming adversity, (4) academic achievement, and (5) desire to practice law in the Southern California area.

The Kakita Scholarship has an additional criteria: (6) desire to practice in the areas of international law, commercial litigation, and/or corporate law.

Instructions:

- (1) You may apply for all four scholarships with a single application. Please check all the scholarships for which you wish to be considered on page 1 of the application.
- (2) Include your most recent law school transcript. An unofficial copy is acceptable.
- (3) Include your current resume.
- (4) Include a personal statement of no more than 500 words. See page 2 of the application.

Return your completed application, including transcript, resume, and personal statement, no later than **January 5, 2009** (postmarked) to:

Japanese American Bar Association Educational Foundation
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 86063
Los Angeles, CA 90086

Questions: James M. Toma, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, tomajm@hotmail.com

Note: A fillable application is available at www.jabaonline.org. You will not be able to save your information, but you can input your information and print the completed application for submission. Please remember to sign your application after printing.