



**JAPANESE AMERICAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION
2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
OVERVIEW**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

General Information: In 2026, the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) will award scholarships in four (4) categories. There are differences in the amounts and eligibility criteria for each category. Please ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements for the category of scholarship for which you are applying.

Those who may apply for a JAVA Memorial Scholarship include: direct lineal or collateral descendants of veterans who served in World War II Nisei units (100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT, Military Intelligence Service (MIS), 1399th Engineer Construction Bn, and 552nd Field Artillery Bn); descendants of Nisei veterans who served in other WWII units; and JAVA members and their children. See the JAVA website and applications for more specific eligibility requirements. To verify your status as a JAVA member, please contact the JAVA administrator at javapotomac@gmail.com.

Category 1. The Senator Daniel K. Inouye Memorial Scholarship – This Memorial Scholarship honors the iconic career of public service, both in the military and in government, of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye. This scholarship was endorsed by Senator Inouye’s widow, Irene Hirano Inouye, and the Inouye Institute.

- The amount of this award is \$5,000.
- The applicant must have completed at least one year in an undergraduate program or be enrolled in a graduate program of study.
- The applicant must be pursuing a career in public or military service.
- The applicant may be a current or former Soldier in the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment.
- The applicant may be enrolled in a college or university ROTC program.
- The applicant may be a disabled veteran.
- Other eligibility requirements are found on the separate application for the Senator Inouye Memorial Scholarship.

Category 2. The JAVA Ishio Founder’s Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship honors COL (USA Ret) Sunao Phil Ishio, his wife Constance, and their son Douglas Ishio. Phil Ishio was the founder and first president of JAVA.

- The amount of this award is \$3,000.
- The applicant must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies.
- The student must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Other eligibility requirements are found on the separate application for the JAVA Ishio Founder’s Memorial Scholarship.

Category 3. The JAVA Legacy Scholarships - These scholarships honor Ms. Kiyoko Tsuboi Taubkin, a longtime supporter of JAVA; and COL (US Army Ret) Jimmie Kanaya, a 3-war Veteran.

- The amount of the Taubkin Legacy Award is \$2000.
- The amount of the Kanaya Legacy Award is \$3000.
- The applicant must have completed at least one year of undergraduate studies.
- The applicant must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an undergraduate program at a four-year college or university in Summer or Fall 2026.
- Other eligibility requirements are found on the separate application for the JAVA Legacy Scholarship.

Category 4. JAVA Memorial Scholarships – In 2026, JAVA will offer ten Memorial Scholarships in honor and memory of former members of JAVA or their family members.

- The amount of each of these scholarships is \$2000.
- The applicant must be graduating from high school in 2026.
- The applicant must be entering a four-year college or university or a two-year community college in the summer or fall of 2026.
- Other eligibility requirements are found on the separate application for the JAVA Memorial Scholarships.

Requirements: The policies, procedures and rules governing the JAVA Memorial Scholarship Program are available on the JAVA website at <https://java-us.org>. All applicants should read this overview before completing the application.

Applications and supporting documents must be electronically submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2026.

Official transcripts and other documents may be sent to javascholarship222@gmail.com and must be received no later than April 30, 2026.

The subject line of the email should be “2026 Inouye Memorial Scholarship”, “2026 Ishio Founder’s Scholarship”, “2026 JAVA Legacy Scholarship”, or “2026 JAVA Memorial Scholarship” and the applicant’s name.

Any application that is not received by the deadline or that fails to meet the submission requirements will NOT be considered. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in early June 2026.

Questions may be sent to jvascholarship222@gmail.com.