

# **SOUTHEAST JAPANESE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **2026 KOICHI & TOYO NERIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

The Koichi & Toyo Nerio Scholarship was established in 2004 with funds donated to the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center by the Koichi & Toyo Nerio Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The annual scholarship provides a onetime monetary award to qualified graduating high school seniors seeking higher education. A candidate must meet the following requirements to apply for the scholarship.

#### **A. Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Must be a graduating high school senior planning to enroll in college this year.
2. Must be an active SEJSCC member for at least **three years** in any previous time period, including one year in high school.
3. The membership period must be clearly stated on the application form and the records of membership must be verified and validated by an executive club officer from a SEJSCC club/organization.

#### **B. Application Procedures:**

1. To obtain the Scholarship Application Form, download a copy of the application form from the Community Center website: [www.sejscc.org](http://www.sejscc.org). (Please download and type on the form.)
2. The application form must be completed in full. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets. Incomplete and late applications **Will Not** be accepted.
3. Take the completed Application Form and this Information Sheet to an officer of the organization (non-family member), to which you belong, to verify the information in section F of this form.
4. Attach a school transcript covering the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade to the Application Form.
5. Submit your completed Application Form via email attachment or Google drive, **only**, together with all required additional documents, to [scholarship@sejscc.org](mailto:scholarship@sejscc.org). Deadline for submission is **Saturday, February 21, 2026**. You will receive an e-mail confirmation. If you do not receive confirmation within one week, please email us.
6. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the committee's decision via email by **March 7, 2026**.
7. If you are selected, you will receive two complimentary dinner tickets for you and a guest. Recipients must attend the awards presentation ceremony to receive your scholarship. The presentation ceremony is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18, 2026. Please RSVP by Saturday, March 21, 2026.**
8. If you have any questions about the eligibility requirements or application procedures, please send an email to the Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@sejscc.org](mailto:scholarship@sejscc.org).

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APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (            ) \_\_\_\_\_

**A. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Graduating High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating Mo/Yr: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (Attach Transcripts): Weighted \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted \_\_\_\_\_

SAT/ACT (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

College You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors and Awards from School. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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**B. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (not related to SEJSCC)**

Describe all activities in and outside of school. Describe the nature of the activity, including dates (clubs, fine arts, sports, volunteer work, community involvement, work experience, including commendations, awards). List approximate hours per year for each activity. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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**C. SEJSCC COMMUNITY CENTER INVOLVEMENT**

Describe your involvement with the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center. Include name of the organizations and specify the years in which you were involved. Describe any volunteer work and the number of hours per year you served for each activity. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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**D. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Attach a signed letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult who is involved at the Community Center.

**E. PERSONAL ESSAY**

In 500 words or less, write how this Community Center affected you. Examples: your participation, community involvement, or any personal inspirations. Please type on a separate sheet of paper.

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**F. INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIP**

*This section is to be completed by scholarship applicant:*

**Father's/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone: (** \_\_\_\_\_ **)** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION**

**Affiliation: (Clubs/Organizations)** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have been a member of SEJSCC from** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be *minimum* 3 years, including one year in high school)

*This section must be completed by an **officer of the club/organization** to which this applicant belongs/belonged:*

I have verified that the applicant has been a member during the times stated above.

**Name of Club/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Verifying Officer (non-family member): (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position with the Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone: (** \_\_\_\_\_ **)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT AGREEMENT** I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements and verify all information is true to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to substantiate any information I have provided herein. Recipients will be notified by March 7, 2026. If selected, I agree to be present at the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony to receive my scholarship award on Saturday, April 18, 2026. I give permission to use my name and photo to be used in the Tomodachi newsletter and any news media (Rafu Shimpo, etc.).

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_