NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

GEORGE J. INAGAKI CHAPTER CITIZENSHIP AWARD
2022 GUIDELINES

The George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award was established by the Venice-Culver JAACL at the 20th Biennial National Convention in 1968. This award is given in honor of George Inagaki, a past National JAACL President, for his many years of unremitting efforts and outstanding dedication to the National organization.

As the title indicates, this is a chapter award, and the promotion of better citizenship is the purpose of this recognition. “Better citizenship” is defined as chapter participation in activities that may be social, civic, educational, environmental or legislative that result in the betterment of society as a whole.

The Venice-Culver JAACL raises and administers the fund for this award, and has delegated the selection of the recipient to the National JAACL Awards & Recognition Committee. A commemorative plaque and a check for $500 will be presented to the JAACL chapter selected for this honor.

The completed form must be returned postmarked or time stamped before midnight May 31, 2022.

Submit to: National JAACL Awards & Recognition Committee
c/o Travis Nishi
1435 Chermault Ave
Clovis, CA 93611
tsnish@aol.com

George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award Recipients:

1970 Contra Costa
Fresno
West Los Angeles
1972 Seattle
Contra Costa
Puyallup Valley
1974 West Valley
Salt Lake City
Seattle
1976 Salt Lake City
1978 Seattle
Sacramento
St. Louis
San Mateo
1980 Spokane
Contra Costa
West Valley
Detroit
1982 San Mateo
Seattle
Portland
Seattle
San Francisco
Honolulu
San Jose
Honolulu
1984 Seattle
Portland
1986 Portland
1988 Seattle
New York City
1990 Seattle
1992 Honolulu
1994 Honolulu
1996 Florin
1998 SELANACO
2000 Seattle
2002 Arizona
2002 Seattle
2004 Watsonville-Santa Lake Washington
2006 Portland
2008 Portland
2010 Watsonville-Santa
2012
2014 Seattle
2016 Seattle
2018 Seattle
2020 Seattle
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COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The National JACL Awards & Recognitions Committee will evaluate applications on the basis of:

(i) Worthiness of purpose
(ii) Chapter and community participation
(iii) Benefits derived by the community or the JACL
(iv) Chapter accomplishments relative to its size

Each of the major factors will be broken into the following sub-factors:

1. Worthiness of purpose (60 points)
   1.1 Impact (1-20 points)
   The application should discuss in significant detail the program(s) and the goals that were intended to be achieved. Programs consistent with the goals of the Program for Action will be considered for a higher evaluation factor. Programs with a national impact will also be considered for a higher evaluation factor.

   1.2 Obstacles (1-20 points)
   The nomination should describe the obstacles the chapter had to overcome to successfully carry out its activities. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have had to overcome extreme obstacles, for example, advocacy of human rights in an extremely hostile environment where little assistance can be received from other JACL chapters or other organizations, or where major fundraising was required.

   1.3 Relevance (1-20 points)
   Chapter programs will be evaluated for relevance in relation to their community. Programs that directly address pressing needs within their communities will be considered for a higher evaluation factor.

2. Chapter and Community Participation (50 points)
   2.1 Mobilization (1-25 points)
   The chapter should describe the degree to which the chapter and the community were mobilized. Maximum points will be given to chapter efforts where multiple organizations were actively utilized on a local, regional and/or national basis. Minimum points will be awarded to chapters where only a small percentage of chapter members were actively involved in the program.

   2.2 Initiative and Leadership (1-25 points)
   The program/activity will be evaluated based on the degree to which the program proactively addressed issues in the community. Chapters that addressed a need by independent identification, analysis, planning and implementation will be considered for a higher evaluation factor. Programs established as a reaction to a problem will be awarded less points. Few, if any points, will be awarded for programs where the chapter demonstrated that they served as a passive participant.
3. **Benefits derived by the community and the JACL (40 points)**
   
   3.1 **Direct Results (1-25 points)**
   The chapter should discuss the direct benefits obtained from the program/activity. The description should indicate the degree to which the goals of the program were met. Maximum points will be awarded to programs/activities that demonstrated success in meeting the goals sought.

   3.2 **Indirect Results (1-15 points)**
   The chapter should discuss the indirect and unanticipated benefits obtained from the program. For example, an indirect benefit may be an increase in membership for a program whose goal was not specifically meant to increase membership.

4. **Chapter Viability (50 points)**
   
   4.1 **Chapter Board (1-10 points)**
   The chapter will be evaluated based on the degree of active participation by the chapter board. Chapter boards with at least 80% attendance will be considered for maximum points.

   4.2 **Newsletter (1-10 points)**
   The chapter should describe the frequency and quality of its newsletter. Chapters with at least a quarterly newsletter that does more than just announce chapter activities will be considered for maximum points.

   4.3 **Chapter Scholarships (1-10 points)**
   The chapter should describe its scholarship program. Chapters with an active scholarship committee and which presents awards each year to more than five (5) individuals will be considered for maximum points.

   4.4 **Membership Growth (1-15 points)**
   The chapter that has increased its membership by the highest percentage in comparison to other Inagaki Award applicants will be considered for maximum points. Other chapters will receive points based on their relative positive increase in membership. Points will only be awarded to chapters with a positive increase in membership.

   4.5 **Elections and Succession Planning (1-5 points)**
   Chapters with regular elections where at least 20% of the board consists of members who have not previously served on the chapter board, and where those new board members have been selected for leadership positions on the basis of a formal succession program will be considered for maximum points.
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Nomination should not exceed 30 pages total.

CHAPTER: ___________________________ City & State: ___________________________

DISTRICT
COUNCIL: ________________________________________________________________

CHAPTER DESCRIPTION:
1. Membership: 2020_________________________ 2021_________________________
2. Number of chapter officers and board members:____________________________
3. Number of chapter board meetings 2020-2021:____________________________
   Average number of officers and board members attending:____________________
4. Primary area from which chapter members are drawn:________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
5. Estimated total population of area:_______________________________________
   Estimated Japanese American population:__________________________________
6. Other JACL chapter(s) covering the same or overlapping area:________________
   ____________________________________________________________

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

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*52nd National Convention*

**George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award**

**2021-2022 Nomination Form**

**CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

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**CHAPTER SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS:**

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**CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITY REPORT**

In addition to the completion of this form attach a Citizenship Activity Report for *up to five* of the most outstanding citizenship-type programs or projects initiated or carried out by the chapter during the period April 1, 2020 to April 1, 2022. These programs will be evaluated on the basis of:

1. Worthiness of purpose
2. Chapter and community participation
3. Benefits derived by the community or JACL

For more specific information, refer to the 2022 committee guidelines.

**Please use the following format:**

1. Describe activity.
2. State the purpose of the activity
3. Describe how the chapter organized the activity, including the background
4. Describe what objectives the activity accomplished
5. Describe the significance of the activity
6. Include any additional remarks or comments

Period of activity (beginning date – end date): ____________________________________________