The JACLer of the Biennium award is presented in memory of Randolph M. Sakada, a former National JACL President.

To honor his dedicated service, this award recognizes a JACL member who has contributed the most to the strength and growth of the national organization during the immediate past biennium (2021-2022). The recipient is recognized at the National Convention Awards Luncheon and receives air transportation to and one night’s accommodation at the JACL convention hotel.

The National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee shall make the recommendation for the JACLer of the Biennium Award, with the final approval by the National JACL Board. Further, the National Board, with the exceptions listed below, is not precluded from nominating and selecting a candidate of its own choosing. It should also be clearly understood that length of service within the JACL is a consideration, but not a major factor, in determining who shall be the recipient of the JACLer of the Biennium Award.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED POSTMARKED OR TIME STAMPED BEFORE MIDNIGHT May 31, 2022.

The following criteria will be used for selection:

1. All nominations shall be submitted on a JACL nomination form, together with a supportive JACL sponsoring chapter recommendation and photo of the nominee.

2. Nominees shall have made outstanding contributions to the strength and growth of the JACL during the biennium (2021-2022).

3. Such contributions at the National, District and Chapter levels are to be consistent with the purposes of the JACL.

4. Any JACL chapter and each District Council may submit up to three (3) nominations. All nominations forms should be submitted directly to the National JACL Awards & Recognition Committee.

5. Nominations shall be open to all JACL members, except for members of the National JACL Executive Committee (National President, National Vice Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer, Governors’ Caucus Chairperson, and the National Youth Council Chair).

6. Up to three (3) letters of recommendation may be submitted with the nomination. (Letters from JACL staff members are not allowed.)

7. For the purposes of administrative action, nominations for this award shall be closed on May 31, 2022. Applications must be postmarked or time stamped before midnight May 31, 2022 (Pacific Time Zone) or they will not be considered. Please forward your chapter’s nomination, with all supporting documents and photo to: National Awards & Recognition Committee, c/o Travis Nishi, 1435 Chennault Ave., Clovis, CA 93611 or via Email at tsnishi@aol.com.

Nominations must not exceed 30 pages total when printed on 8½” x 11” inch paper, with at least 1” margins (top, bottom and sides) and in a font no less than 10 point.
JACler of the Biennium Award Recipients:

1956  Abe Hagiwara  1980  John Tateishi  2004  Mas Hashimoto
       Jerry Enomoto  1982  Min Yasui
1958  Sue Joe (Mrs.)  1984  Cherry Kinoshita  2008  Emily Teruya
       Kumeo Yoshinari  1987  Jim Shimomura  2010  Frank Sakamoto
1960  Joe Kadowaki  1986  Mary Tsukamoto  2012  Elaine Akagi
1962  Frank Oda  1988  Henry Tanaka  2014  Grant Ujifusa
1964  Father Clement  1990  Art Morimatsu  2016
1966  William Marutani  1992  Bruce Yamashita  2018  Dr. Kanji Sahara
1968  Takeshi Kubota  1996  Tom Masamori  2020
1970  Roy Nishikawa  1998  Alan Hida
1972  Helen Kawagoe  2000  Ken Inouye
1974  James K. Tsujimura  2002  Carol Kawamoto
1976  Clifford Uyeda  2004  Andy Noguchi
1978  Edward M. Yamamoto

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The 2022 National Awards & Recognition Committee will be utilizing the following specific criteria in evaluating nominations.

1. **Impact (1-20 points)**
The proposal should describe the impact that the nominee has had in the organization. A nominee whose efforts have had a national impact would be considered for the maximum number of points.

2. **Mobilization of the Organization (1-20 points)**
The nomination should describe the nominee’s efforts in mobilizing JACLers and others. Maximum points will be awarded for nominees who have mobilized multiple chapters and other non-JACL organizations in their efforts.

3. **Results (1-15 points)**
The nomination should describe the nominee’s achievements in promoting the goals of the JACL. Maximum points will be considered for nominees with a demonstrated record of achievement.

4. **Initiative and Leadership (1-30 points)**
The nomination should describe the leadership of the individual both in the JACL and outside of the JACL. Maximum points will be awarded for nominees who have taken a proactive role in the promotion of JACL efforts even when such a role was at that time unpopular or difficult. Fewer points will be awarded to nominees who have been passive participants in the achievement of JACL’s goals.

5. **Obstacles (1-15 points)**
The nomination should describe the obstacles the nominee has had to overcome in their activities. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have had to overcome extreme obstacles: for example, the advocacy of human rights in an extremely hostile environment or starting out alone and building a movement.
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
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JACLer of the Biennium
2021-2022 Nomination Form

This form must be completed and returned postmarked or time stamped by midnight May 31, 2022.

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Please attach a black-and-white photograph of the nominee.
Please attach additional sheets (typed) or news articles, if necessary.
Please attach any letters of recommendation (not to exceed three).
Nomination should not exceed 30 pages total.

The ______________________________ Chapter nominates ______________________________ as the

JACLer who has contributed the most to the strength and growth of the JACL during this 2021-2022 Biennium.

Address of Nominee: ___________________________________________________________

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JACL Activities and Contributions during this Biennium:
National Level:

District Level:

Chapter Level:

Activities and Contributions to civic improvement during this Biennium:
(Refer to award guidelines for more specifics)

General Background:

Application submitted by: Name ______________________________
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