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## Hifumi Society Scholarship 2025



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*Information provided to the scholarship committee will be kept confidential. Scholarships will not be awarded by a single criterion; other factors will also be considered, such as your grandparents' and other relatives' participation in Japanese American community activities.*

*Fill out form using [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) (free version), open the downloaded form in Adobe Acrobat Reader, save progress, and return by email or print and mail it.*

### **Please return application by email or mail:**

#### **Email Application:**

- **Email:** [ferrisj55@comcast.net](mailto:ferrisj55@comcast.net)
- **Subject line:** "Hifumi Society Scholarship"
- **Emailed applications must be time stamped on or before May 30, 2025.**

#### **Mail Application:**

- Joanne Ferris  
6014 S. Dearborn Rd  
Spokane, WA 99223
- **Must be postmarked by May 30, 2025**

### **Checklist**

**Most current transcript** (unofficial will be accepted)

**Photo Release**

**Application**

**Your essays**

### **Add Your Photo**

### **Release of Information and Photograph**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby grant permission to the Hifumi Society, to take and use photographs and or digital images of me for use in news releases, newsletters, advertising, promotional and/or educational materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, Websites, and other electronic communications. I further agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me, including for commercial or noncommercial uses. All negatives, prints, and digital reproductions shall be the property of Hifumi Society and, thus, I release and waive any interest in said property.

**OR** I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to opt out of the release.

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, and Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Personal & Education Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you previously received a Hifumi Society Scholarship?**      Yes      No

### **FAFSA Information**

*Please provide the following information related to your financial need. This will be used to assist the scholarship committee in understanding your financial situation.*

**Have you completed the FAFSA?**      Yes      No

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Financial Aid You Are Receiving:**

**Grants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scholarships** \_\_\_\_\_ **Loans** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Study** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your current educational status by selecting one of the following options:**

High School Senior,      College Freshman,      College Sophomore,      College Junior,

College Senior,      2yr/Technical,      Graduate School

**What high school did you attend?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of College or University you plan to attend or are attending?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been accepted to the college or university you plan to attend or are currently attending?**

Yes      No

**Please provide your current GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Transcript:** (See Attached - Please include transcript with latest quarter or semester posted. Does not have to be an official transcript. (Upload or Photocopy)

**What field of study do you intend to pursue?** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Community Involvement & Financial Need**

- 1. Please list school and extracurricular activities in which you have participated.** (Note any special awards, certificates, honors, and offices held.)
- 2. List any Japanese American organizations and activities your family or relatives have participated in or contributed to through volunteering or contributing financially. Please be specific.**
- 3. Community Service:** List any community service activities in which you have participated without pay during the past four years.
- 4. Please tell us how you plan to use this scholarship money and how you plan on paying for your education?**
- 5. Work Experience** (List any work experience during the past four years.)

## Essay Questions

6. Please include a brief personal statement of any information you would like us to consider including the reason for continuing your education and your commitment to the Japanese community. Please share your interest in the history, achievements, culture, and contributions of Japanese Americans. Highlight what classes, workshops, and activities you have attended or participated in that include Japanese Americans. **We will not accept recycled answers from previous sections or submissions.** (500 words max)

7. We are all defined by many things; shared geography, religion, income, cuisine, identity, race ideology or heritage. Describe a community that you identify with and your place within it. **We will not accept recycled answers from previous sections or submissions.**  
(500 words max)

## **8. Previous Scholarship Awardees Only**

(If you have received a Hifumi Society Scholarship previously, answer the following questions.)

**We kindly request that you avoid recycling any previously submitted essay responses for the following inquiries.** Instead, we encourage you to offer updated insights and reflections.

Please select **two** questions from the three provided below to address:

- a. Reflect on a specific challenge or setback you faced during your academic journey. How did you overcome it and what lessons did you learn?
- b. As a recipient of the Hifumi Scholarship, how have you utilized the opportunities it provided to further your education, personal growth, or community involvement? Share specific examples and outcomes.
- c. In what ways have you demonstrated leadership, collaboration, or initiative in your community or within your academic pursuits? Provide concrete examples of your impact and the skills you've developed.

## **8. Previous Scholarship Awardees Only (Continued)**

### **Acknowledgment**

I have read and fully understand the eligibility requirements for the Hifumi Society Scholarship. I have completed the application honestly and to the best of my knowledge and understand that any misrepresentation of information contained in this application may disqualify me from an award. I agree to provide the Hifumi Society Scholarship Committee with verification of my enrollment upon request and understand that if for any reason I am not enrolled a school in 2025 as indicated, I will forfeit my rights to an award. **Emailed or mailed applications must be time stamped on or before May 30, 2025.**

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_