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Greetings:

The Chicago Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is offering several scholarships in 2012 to graduating high school seniors based on academic achievement, school and community service, activities, and financial need. **Your help in disseminating information on this opportunity to your students will be greatly appreciated.**

Last year, the Chicago JACL Chapter awarded nine scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 each. Eligible students will plan to attend a college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning after high school. Applicants must be members of Chicago JACL or may join JACL at the time of application. Involvement in the Asian American community and in support of civil and human rights will be considered. Scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing a variety of disciplines.

Attached are scholarship guidelines and an application form. Both may also be downloaded from the JACL website at www.jaclchicago.org. **Completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012 to be considered.** Awards will be made in mid-May.

Other JACL Programs:

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national civil rights and education organization. The purpose of JACL is to protect the civil and human rights of Japanese Americans and all Americans while preserving the culture and values of the Japanese American community. Chicago is home to one of the largest JACL chapters.

In addition to a scholarship program, the Chicago JACL offers a leadership development and cultural awareness program for Japanese American high school students. Through interactive workshops and activities, participants will explore their personal identity, gain an awareness of the history and character of the Japanese American community in Chicago, and learn about the issues facing our community today. The program will be held on Saturdays in March and April. More information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Christine Munteanu at jacl.fellow@gmail.com

If you have any questions on this or other JACL activities, please don't hesitate to call our Chicago Chapter office at (773) 728-7170.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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