



## Central California Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Attention Director of Financial Aid:

Central California Asian Pacific American Bar Association (CCAPABA) was established to create and maintain a support network for Asian Pacific American attorneys and those interested in Asian American legal issues. CCAPABA is located in the Central Valley area (Fresno).

Accompanying this letter is the Hon. Mikio Uchiyama Memorial Scholarship Application. Judge Uchiyama was a legal pioneer in the Central Valley. Born on a farm in Sanger, California to immigrant parents, he was attending UC Berkeley when he was forced into a concentration camp with over 100,000 other Japanese Americans when WWII started. He was able to secure a student release to attend the University of Texas, becoming the first Asian to graduate from their law school. After admission to the Texas State Bar, he was drafted into the US Army just at the end of WWII. He served under General MacArthur in post war Japan and later participated in the war crimes trials as a civilian attorney. Upon return to California, he was admitted to the California Bar. His legal career includes being the first Japanese American City attorney, the first Asian Judge in the Central Valley and the first Justice Court Judge to sit on assignment with the California Supreme Court. He was instrumental in helping Central Valley farmers, businesses, and organizations. His career was honored by the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

We are excited to award \$1,500 scholarships to two current law students. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate a commitment to helping and working with the Asian American Pacific community. Scholarship recipients will be honored at CAPABA's first annual banquet which will be on **Thursday, May 19, 2022 (location to be determined – possible virtual event due to COVID)**.

CCAPABA scholarship recipients are encouraged to be present at the banquet in order to receive their awards. Each recipient and **one** guest will receive complimentary entry into the annual banquet. Photographs and short biographies of the recipients will also be included in the banquet program.

Please distribute and/or post this letter and attached application **as soon as possible** because completed **applications must be received on or before Friday, April 1, 2022**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ken Taniguchi at [ccapaba@gmail.com](mailto:ccapaba@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

*Midori Howo*

Midori Howo, President



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## 2022 Honorable Mikio Uchiyama Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Honorable Mikio Uchiyama Memorial Scholarship. Please complete and submit the following information:

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Law School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. What contributions have you made to the Asian American Pacific community?
2. What motivated you to pursue law school?
3. How do you plan to use your legal education to advance the Asian American Pacific community?

Please provide the names of three references including their names, addresses and best contact information.

You may submit up to three letters of recommendation as part of your application. The application and letters of recommendation should be emailed to Ken Taniguchi at [ccapaba@gmail.com](mailto:ccapaba@gmail.com) and must be received on or before **Friday, April 1, 2022**.

By signing below, I affirm that all the information contained in this application and in any attachments submitted in support thereof are true and correct. By signing below, I agree that if awarded a scholarship, CCAPABA may use any photos taken of me or provided by me for promotional purposes including on social media accounts.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date