

Application for Dr. John Kashiwabara Scholarship 2026

Scholarships from \$300 to \$1,000 will be awarded for different categories such as Community Impact, Leadership, Creative or Academic Excellence. Applicants will be notified of their status by Thursday, January 15. Award recipients are required to attend the Shinnenkai celebration on **February 1, 2026** to receive their award. (Extenuating circumstances preventing attendance must be communicated to LBJCC before Shinnenkai.) Applicants must be enrolled in Grade 12 with the intent to graduate in June 2026 and enter a 2-year or 4-year college or trade school in Fall 2026. Student or family must be a member of the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center (LBJCC) and/or one of its member groups.

Email lbjapanesecc@gmail.com if you have any questions or difficulty downloading the application from the website www.lbjcc.org. Alternatively, you may print the form and complete it by hand. Completed form must be emailed, mailed or dropped in mailbox (outside or by the Kashiwabara Library) to LBJCC and received by **January 3, 2026**. Acceptable electronic file formats are .docx, .pdf or .odt. Questions may be sent to the same email account.

Receipt of application will be acknowledged by email or phone call.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
LBJCC family membership is under a different last name; the membership name is:		
Mailing Address		City and Zip Code
Email address		Phone number
Check off the organization(s) to which you are a member:		
Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center	☐	Long Beach Japanese Language School
Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai	☐	Long Beach Japanese Ondo Group
Grace First Presbyterian Church	☐	Long Beach Judo Dojo
Ikenobo Ikebana	☐	Long Beach Kendo Dojo
Kokoro Taiko Kai	☐	Long Beach Shotokan Karate
LBJLS Alumni & Friends Association	☐	Ueki Tree Trimming Club
Long Beach Buddhist Church	☐	Yukari-kai Kimikomi Dolls
Please confirm the following statements by writing "Yes" before each statement:		
☐	I am currently enrolled in Grade 12.	
☐	I am on track to graduate by June 2026.	
☐	I intend to attend a two-year college, four-year college or trade school in Fall 2026.	
☐	I understand I must attend Shinnenkai on 2/1/26 to receive an award.	
The name of the college/trade school I hope to attend this Fall is:		
The major I will most likely pursue in college is:		
My grades 9-11 transcripts (unofficial is acceptable) are submitted with this application and the unweighted cumulative total GPA is:		

Essay requirement continued next page.

In addition to completing the previous application, please provide your written response on additional pages to the following items:

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I. List up to five top activities or achievements for extra-curricular COMMUNITY, SCHOOL or WORK in order of personal importance. Provide a clear overview of the activity or award. Detail your roles, positions and functions. List the grade levels during which you were involved in this activity. Highlight your achievements and impact and identify the skills developed through this activity and especially those activities related to LBJCC.

II. Write a brief response to the following: "My thoughts about the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center on its current role and significance, what I know about it, and what I would like to see it do in the future." You can approach this as a personal reflection, commentary, suggestion, or critique, focusing on its significance to you and your community.

III. Write a brief response to the prompt: "Describe the event, activity, or person that has had the greatest influence on your life so far." Share how this experience has shaped you personally, using enough detail to clearly convey its significance. The event, activity, or person doesn't have to be related to the LBJCC.

Please limit your brief responses to no more than 300 words.