# NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

***JACLER OF THE BIENNIUM***

**2024 GUIDELINES**

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 (2022-2024). 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 & Recognitions 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 ELECTRONICALLY TIME STAMPED BEFORE MIDNIGHT (HAWAIIAN STANDARD TIME) April 30, 2024.***

*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 (2022-2024).
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 April 30, 2024. Applications must be time stamped before midnight April 30, 2024 (Hawaiian Standard Time) or they will not be considered. Please forward electronically your chapter’s nomination, with all supporting documents and photo to: National Awards & Recognition Committee, c/o David Kawamoto, via Email at [dhkawamoto@aol.com](mailto:dhkawamoto@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.

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**JACLer of the Biennium Award Recipients:**

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| 1956 | Abe Hagiwara | 1980 | John Tateishi | 2004 Mas Hashimoto |
|  | Jerry Enomoto | 1982 | Min Yasui | 2006 David Kawamoto |
| 1958 | Sue Joe (Mrs.) | 1984 | Cherry Kinoshita | 2008 Emily Teruya |
|  | Kumeo Yoshinari |  | Jim Shimomura | 2010 Frank Sakamoto |
| 1960 | Joe Kadowaki | 1986 | Mary Tsukamoto | 2012 Elaine Akagi  2 |
| 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 |  | Mae Takahashi | 2022 Dr. Katherine Tobin |
| 1972 | Helen Kawagoe | 1998 | Alan Hida |  |
| 1974 | James K. Tsujimura | 2000 | Ken Inouye |  |
| 1976 | Clifford Uyeda | 2002 | Carol Kawamoto |  |
| 1978 | Edward M. Yamamoto |  | Andy Noguchi |  |

***COMMITTEE GUIDELINES***

The 2024 National Awards & Recognitions Committee will be utilizing the following specific criteria in evaluating nominations for work & accomplishments undertaken primarily in the 2022-2024 biennium, and may consider work & accomplishments over time.

* 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.

* 1. *Mobilization of the Organization (1-20 points)*

The nomination should describe the nominee’s efforts in mobilizing JACLers and others. Maximum points will be considered for nominees who have mobilized multiple chapters and other non-JACL organizations in their efforts.

* 1. *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.

* 1. *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.

* 1. *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.