**Japanese American Citizens League**

**Elaine Reiko Akagi Scholarship Recommendation Form**

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| PART ONE: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT  Applicant Name: Click or tap here to enter text.  Current or expected college or university:Click or tap here to enter text. |

PART TWO: TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER

To the Recommender: The applicant whose name indicated above is applying for the Elaine Reiko Akagi Scholarship.

Elaine Reiko Akagi retired as Special Education teacher in 2010 after 38 years in the public school system. She was a community activist, and mentor/advocate for children of color. Akagi worked with students from preschool to high school. She felt deeply that education is at its best when students see reflections of themselves in their teachers. Akagi worked for more diversity in recruiting qualified teachers, particularly in the field of Special Education. Sadly, Akagi passed away on October 19, 2012, after a brief courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Seattle JACL established the Elaine Reiko Akagi Scholarship in 2011. To honor Akagi, the scholarship is open to students who plan on entering teaching. In keeping with her vision, consideration is given to applicants who represent the diversity of POC students and/or will go into the field of Special Education. The Elaine Reiko Akagi Scholarship is $3,000.

We value your candid and honest evaluation of this applicant. Based on your thoughtful consideration, please fill out this form completely. Please submit the completed form at <http://seattlejacl.org/letter-of-recommendation/> by the scholarship application deadline.

The sharing of all information provided will be limited to the JACL Scholarship committee, except for positive, supportive statements/ratings that may be shared (anonymously) in the announcement of the scholarship winners. Thank you.

*RECOMMENDER INFORMATION*

Name:Click or tap here to enter text. Title:Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address:Click or tap here to enter text. Institution:Click or tap here to enter text.

How long have you known the applicant?Click or tap here to enter text.

In what capacity?Click or tap here to enter text.

*GENERAL EVALUATION*

Please check only one box for each criterion. Click on the box to check or uncheck it.

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| CRITERIA | One of the top few | Outstanding | Good | Average | Below Average | No observation |
| Commitment to students of color |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work with students who have IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) and/or challenges related to learning |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work in a diverse community |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demonstrates understanding of societal and/or educational cultural biases |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compassion/empathy |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*EVALUATION QUESTIONS*

1. Please provide specific details and/or examples of the applicant’s ability to work with students who have IEPs and/or challenges related to learning.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please provide specific details and/or examples of the applicant’s understanding of the importance of diversity in education. How does the applicant promote diversity in education?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please provide specific details and/or examples of the applicant’s commitment to ensuring students of color are best served in schools.

Click or tap here to enter text.

OPTIONAL COMMENTS: Feel free to provide, or not, any additional supporting comments and/or information that may assist the scholarship committee in evaluating this applicant.

Click or tap here to enter text.