**The Janet Aiko Sekiguchi Foundation (JASF) Grant Application**

**Background**

**Mission Statement**

The Janet Aiko Sekiguchi Foundation honors Janet’s legacy by investing in communities and causes consistent with her passions and her struggles. To this end, the foundation partners with schools and organizations in historically marginalized communities to support innovative programs thatpromote **intellectual growth, racial & social justice, community development,** and **mental health**.

*To learn more about Janet and the foundation, please visit:* [*Janet Aiko Sekiguchi Foundation*](http://www.janetsekiguchi.org/)*.*

**The Grant**

JASF is currently in the process of selecting schools and community organizations whose missions align with ours, and we invite you to apply for a grant. The grant is for a maximum amount of $10,000 per year for a total of 3 years. The funds may be used to support one program, a few smaller projects initiated by organizational staff or students, or a combination of both *(Note: You do not need to apply for the full amount available, as we will consider awarding multiple grants for proposals from several organizations)*. We would love to see students involved in generating and implementing ideas under the guidance of a teacher or other staff member. Grant funds may also be used to enhance an existing program. We envision our grant serving as seed funding for either new programs or an expansion of a current program at your organization, with the aim of enabling you to attract additional sources of funding.

**Deadline**

***Applications for the 2025-26 school year are due by March 1, 2025.***

**Application Instructions**

Those interested in applying for this grant should review and submit the following application. Please be sure to include all of the required information and submit the completed application in MS Word or PDF format on our [website](http://janetsekiguchi.org/grantappupload.html). Alternatively, you may use the [online application](http://janetsekiguchi.org/grantapplication.html). ***Please limit your application to 5 pages.***

After submitted applications are reviewed, finalists will be invited to participate in a teleconference interview.

**Application**

**Contact information:**

Organization Name:

Organization Address:

Primary Contact Name and Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

1. **Organization Information**

Please tell us about your school or organization, including: its history, demographics, surrounding community, leadership, and mission.

1. **Program Proposal**

Please describe your proposed program or project, using the format below. *Note: If your organization has multiple programs in mind, please write a separate proposal for each one.*

1. **Statement of Need:** The statement of need should describe the problem that the project will attempt to address. Also, please describe the population that will be served.
2. **Program Description:** Describe your program or project, including whom it will benefit, its objectives, and what motivated you to create or expand it. Please also discuss how your program offers a creative solution with the potential for transformative impact. If applicable, include a brief description of successful programs or research findings that have inspired your ideas.

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1. **Program Leads:** Who is responsible for creating and implementing the program? Include names, roles, and relevant experience. In what ways will students be involved? *Note: student-initiated projects must have a staff sponsor.*
2. **Connection to Mission Statement:** Which of the four aspects of the JASF mission statement does the program seek to address (intellectual growth, racial and social justice, community development, or the de-stigmatization of mental health), and how?

 **III. Timeline**

Please provide a timeline for the program’s implementation.

 **IV. Budget**

Describe your proposed budget for the program, outlining the estimated costs by expense category. This can be attached as a spreadsheet. *Note: The grant is capped at $10,000 per year for up to a maximum of three years. If an organization has more than one project or program, the funds can be divided among them. All program expenses require proper documentation.*

 **V. Evaluation**

What criteria will you use to evaluate the effectiveness of the program? What is your definition of success for this program? *Note: JASF will engage in semi-annual evaluations of the program based on mutually agreed upon criteria.*

Thank you for applying and for all the ways your school or organization impacts students and the community! We will be in touch once we have had time to evaluate your application.