



Opal Becker Memorial Scholarship Application

The Opal Becker Memorial Scholarship is an academic scholarship provided by the Naka-Kon Japanese Education Association through funds donated by the family of Opal Becker and Naka-Kon. Two student applicants will be chosen each year and each will be provided a total award not to exceed \$2000, to be delivered for the fall and spring semester (not to exceed \$1000 per semester). Applicants must provide all the necessary documents by May 20, 2018 to be considered for an award in the 2018-2019 school year. At this time only students from the University of Kansas, Johnson County Community College, or the Kansas City Art Institute will be considered for the scholarship.

How are scholarship recipients chosen?

The selection committee will consist of members of the Naka-Kon Japanese Cultural Education Association and individuals from organizations partnered with Naka-Kon. Selections are based purely on merit, without discrimination for any reason such as race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Minimum Requirements Applicants must be:

- 1) enrolled at the University of Kansas, Johnson County Community College, or the Kansas City Art Institute;
- 2) have obtained enough credits to be classified as a Junior or Senior at their institution
OR are seeking a Master's degree;
- 3) must pursue a degree in an approved field of study (see Approved Fields of Study);
- 4) maintain full-time student status; and
- 5) have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher (4.0 scale).



Approved Fields of Study For the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Japanese Language

Art and Design- Emphasis on Japanese techniques

History- Emphasis on Japan

Animation

Game Design

KCAI Students only: seeking an Asian Studies Certificate in the chosen field of study

If you have questions about whether you are seeking a degree in an approved field of study, please contact Megan McQueen (megan.mcqueen@naka-kon.com).



Opal Becker Memorial Scholarship Application Instructions

Please review the minimum requirements listed above and provide all requested documents when submitting an application.

Step 1 Fill out all fields of this application form.

Step 2 Please complete a 1,000 - 1,500 word essay on one of the following topics:

1. Describe how your career goals and personal interest intersect within your area of study.
2. Describe a past or current school project. How was it influenced by your interests in your area of study?
3. Describe the aspect of Japanese culture that had the greatest influence on the choice of your current area of study.

**For ease of reading by essay evaluators, please choose a 12 pt., serif font, with a double spaced format.*

Step 3 Please include the following additional materials with your application form:

1. Two letters of recommendation from any combination of the following:
 - advisors or faculty members in your field of study (letter to be written on institution's letterhead)
 - coworkers or a supervisor from a professional or internship position
2. Most recent official/certified transcript available. Photo copies and



unofficial/uncertified transcripts will not be accepted.

3. If your official transcript does not list your declared field of study (major), you must also

include an official verification of major from your university registrar's office that does list your major.

Step 4 Mail your completed scholarship application form and materials postmarked by **May 20, 2018** to:

Opal Becker Memorial Scholarship
% Naka-Kon Anime Convention
11184 Antioch Rd. #344
Overland Park, KS 66210

Note: If any item on the application form is not completed or within the requirements, the applicant will be disqualified from selection. Scholarships are reviewed once a year and delivered for the Fall and Spring semesters after proof of enrollment for each semester has been accepted by the Naka-Kon Board of Directors.

Date _____

Name _____

Mailing address _____



City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Email _____

University attending _____

Student ID Number _____

Release and Certification I hereby give permission to use the information provided on this application for recognition purposes, if selected. I understand that I must be registered and accepted as a full-time student at the University of Kansas, Johnson County Community College, or the Kansas City Art Institute to be eligible to receive a scholarship. I understand that I could be asked to present a panel at the upcoming Naka-Kon convention.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Student's signature _____ Date _____