



NAJC Endowment Fund

Sports, Education, Arts Development (SEAD) Programme

Information for Applicants

Background

After many years of a struggle to seek redress for the unjust treatment of Japanese Canadians by the Canadian government during and after World War II, the Japanese Canadian redress agreement was signed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and NAJC President Art Miki on September 22, 1988.

The redress agreement acknowledged the unjust actions of the Canadian government and provided as symbolic redress for those injustices \$12 million to the Japanese Canadian community through the Najc. The Najc is to undertake educational, social and cultural activities or programs that contribute to the well being of the community or promote human rights.

The NAJC established the Japanese Canadian redress foundation (the redress foundation) for the purpose of allocating the \$12 million community redress payment on behalf of the Japanese Canadian community.

In furtherance of this purpose and the purpose of the community redress payment, the redress foundation entrusted the NAJC to administer a sports, education, arts development (SEAD) programme of \$250,000. The interest accumulated from this fund will be used to provide direct contributions to individuals within the Japanese Canadian community.

PURPOSE OF SEAD PROGRAMME

- to promote athletic, artistic and academic development of Japanese Canadians
- to enrich Japanese Canadian culture and community within Canadian society
- to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to Japanese Canadian individuals furthering their studies, training and skills

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Priority will be given to first-time applicants without exception. Previous grant recipients may re-apply for a further SEAD grant, in a similar endeavour only if:

- In the case of sports, the recipient has shown significant improvement, either with a substantial and quantifiable rise in national or international rankings, or has been promoted to a higher level of competition
- in the case of education/focussed studies, the studies or program are significantly and obviously different from the original studies or program
- in the case of visual, performing or literary arts, the grant request applies to a significantly different project.



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Eligibility of Studies, Training or Skill Development

The criteria and guidelines indicated under a particular grant category only relate to that category and are not applicable to other categories:

Sports

- Grants are intended to assist specialised training or development
- Individual or team sport may qualify
- Demonstrated achievement in sport required
- Training or development must be undertaken at a recognized institution, with a recognized organization, or with a recognized individual
- A certificate from the sport organization to indicate your ranking.

Education/Focused Studies

- Grants are intended to assist furtherance of specialised studies
- Grants are not intended to assist regular undergraduate studies
- Intensive study programs or immersion programs may qualify
- Studies must be undertaken at a recognized post-secondary institution, or with a recognized individual and a letter of acceptance must accompany your application.

Visual Arts

- Grants are intended to assist specialised training or development
- Training or development must be undertaken at a recognised institution or academy, or with a recognized organization or individual
- Reference letter must accompany your application.

Examples of activities which may qualify for a grant:

- Training towards participation on a provincial or national sports team
- Studies in intensive Japanese language studies program
- Studies at provincial art schools
- Specialised studies at recognized seminars and workshops

Examples of activities which will not qualify for a grant:

- After the fact activities (i.e. activities completed prior to application deadline)
- Regular participation in a local sports league



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Selection Criteria

- Preference will be given to individual applicants up to 35 years of age but all are encouraged to apply.
- Preference will be given to activities that will contribute to Japanese Canadian community and cultural development.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated ability and accomplishments in their fields and requires assistance to reach their next level of development.
- The maximum grant, which may be awarded to an individual, is \$2,500.
- The number and the amount of awards granted each year will depend upon the applications received and the funds available from the interest accumulated from the SEAD fund.
- Any award or funding recipient from a previous application round with outstanding reports or activities shall be ineligible for the current, or any future, assessment until the activity is completed and a final report is received by the NAJC

Evaluation Process

- Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of 4 individuals elected by NAJC Council and the director of the NAJC Executive Board responsible for the Endowment Funds
- Members of the selection committee may consult other individuals or organisations in order to obtain information and a better understanding of the activity proposed by the applicant
- All applications must be complete and self-contained regardless whether the applicant is submitting a new application or reapplying. Selection committees will not refer to earlier applications for information, and will deem such applications as incomplete
- The selection committee will assess all applications submitted and recommend successful applicants to the NAJC Executive Board for approval
- The final determination of successful applicants should be made within 8 to 12 weeks following a deadline date
- There is no appeal process available—final decisions on grants awarded rest with the NAJC and access to decisions will be restricted

Application Form

- Applications must be submitted on the form provided by the NAJC (or on a photocopy of such form)
- Application forms must be forwarded to the attention of:

NAJC Endowment Fund
NAJC National Executive Office
3rd Floor, 207 Donald Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1M5
204-943-2910 phone
204-947-3145 fax

- Deadlines for applications are March 31 and September 30