

The Nisei Veterans' Award

Purpose:

The award came from a desire to remember and recognize the dedication and loyalty to Canada of the Nisei Veterans during WWII. To this end, this award recognizes young people in the JCCC's Martial Arts/Odori Dance Programs who exemplify the spirit and values inherent in the Nisei Veterans.

Award:

A permanent plaque is on display in the JCCC near the dojos - names of successful candidates are added each year. The winner will also receive a certificate and one (1) year of class tuition and membership at the JCCC. The winner(s) will be announced and awards presented each year at Arigato Day.

Criteria:

The award recognizes the values exemplified by the Nisei Veterans and celebrates the passing of these qualities to a new generation. A list of characteristics follows. The candidate(s) should have a demonstrated history of displaying or exemplifying at least one or more of the following characteristics:

Loyalty
Integrity
Perseverance
Good Citizenship
Determination
Courage
Service
Participation

Eligibility:

Young people between the ages of 15 to 25 (inclusive) who participate in either the Martial Arts and/or Odori Dance programs at the JCCC. Students who have not previously received the award are eligible.

Application and Selection Process:

To submit a nomination, each nominator is required to submit an application form (see reverse). Nominators can be senseis, parents, classmates or the student for themselves. All nominations will be reviewed and vetted by each candidate's respective Sensei and/or a lead instructor from their program. Candidates who are then recommended by their Sensei and/or a lead instructor for the award, will be asked to write a 250-300 word essay on what this award means to them. The essays will be read by a panel selected by members of the JCCC Board of Directors (VP Heritage and VP Management), and successful candidates will be notified. Interviews may be required, if deemed necessary by the panel.

Applications must be received by June 19, 2025.

Nisei Veterans' Award Nomination Form

Name of nominee: _____

Name of martial art/dance program: _____

What are the characteristics that make this person a good candidate for this award?

Nominator Name (please print)

Signature of Nominee

Signature of Nominator

Nominee Contact Info (Email or Phone #)

To be submitted to Reception or by email to: heritage@jccc.on.ca by June 19, 2025

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Date Received: _____
(mm.dd.yyyy)

Received By: _____
(Staff Name)

Reviewed by: _____
(Instructor Name)