

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship Descriptions

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The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship is offered to outstanding graduating high school seniors. To qualify for this award, candidates must belong to families who are members of the San Jose Betsuin. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of academic achievement, participation in school, temple and community activities and work experience.

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Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Scholarship

The San Jose Betsuin's Adult Buddhist Association, in recognition of the value of education and especially for the young people of our Sangha, have established this scholarship for a graduating high school senior who has attained academic achievements in addition to their support of temple and community activities.

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Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) Lady Kujo Scholarship

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin BWA has established this scholarship to be awarded to either a graduating high school student who is planning on attending college/trade school or a student currently enrolled in college/trade school. Recipients of this award are Buddhist individuals who are active members of S.J. Betsuin-sponsored programs and participate in activities that complement the humanitarian efforts of Lady Takeko Kujo, co-founder (with her sister-in-law, Kazuko Ohtani) of the Buddhist Women's Association. Lady Kujo gave a greater voice to Buddhist women and helped provide aid for many of those in the poorest areas where the need was greatest. Preference is given to relatives of San Jose BWA members.

Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Scholarship

Ray and Lucy Matsumoto have established this scholarship to honor a graduating high school senior who is active in Betsuin youth activities. The Matsumotos prefer to award this scholarship to a student who plans to attend a community college or trade school or is considering pursuing a business major as they hope to promote the importance of a business education

Shizue and Sadao Sakai Memorial Scholarship

The family of Shizue and Sadao Sakai established this scholarship to be awarded to either a graduating high school student or a student currently enrolled in college. The recipient must be supportive in their community and active within the Buddhist Church.

James Takeo Hashimoto Memorial Scholarship

The Hashimoto family has established an annual scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior in memory of the late James Takeo Hashimoto, an active supporter of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. The recipient of the award is a Buddhist youth who subscribes to the Bodhisattva ideal and who actively participates in Betsuin sponsored youth programs.

Robbie Yamada Memorial Scholarship

The Yamada/Hashimoto family has established a scholarship to honor a graduating high school senior in memory of Robbie Yamada, the grandson of James and Edith Hashimoto and son of Patricia Hashimoto Yamada, active supporters of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. The recipient of this award is a Buddhist youth who is active in Betsuin youth activities.

Ben and Kimie Sanematsu Memorial Scholarship

This college scholarship was initially endowed by Ben Sanematsu in memory of his wife, Kimie Yanagawa Sanematsu, a dedicated educator for twenty-five years. An active Betsuin member and successful undergraduate student is awarded this college scholarship. The award has been changed to honor both Ben and Kimie Sanematsu.