

CANADIAN JAPANESE MENNONITE SCHOLARSHIP

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HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the *Application Form* (including a one-page description of how your academic work will contribute to the objectives of this scholarship) and send it to:

cjms@mcccanada.ca

Applications must be received by **April 1, 2025** to be considered. The scholarship is awarded for studies in the 2025-2026 academic year.

2. Insert your name on both copies of the *Request for a Letter of Reference*, and forward the *Request for a Letter of Reference* and *Information Page* to each of the two references indicated on your application form. Note that references should be faculty or academic references.

Encourage them to send their letters of reference (signed and on official letterhead) from their institutional email address to cjms@mcccanada.ca

Should they wish to return the letter to you, the letter must be written on official university letterhead with the referee's signature in a separate, sealed envelope.

CANADIAN JAPANESE MENNONITE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

1) The scholarship will be used to support study at: (name and address of university)

Program and Department/Specialization: _____

Level of study: _____

Research topic: _____

2) Previous degrees completed (and current program, if different from the program noted above):

3) Name & address of two (2) faculty or academic references:

a) _____

b) _____

On **one page** please provide a **concise**, general description of your program of studies and specifically outline how your academic work in the next year will contribute to the objectives of this scholarship.

Are you willing to make your work available to the two sponsoring agencies? Yes ____ No ____

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Return completed application to: cjms@mcccanada.ca (Subject: CJMS application)

CANADIAN JAPANESE MENNONITE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF REFERENCE

_____ has made an application for the Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship (information page attached) and you have been listed as a faculty or academic reference. The attached document outlines the selection criteria, as well as the purpose of the scholarship.

In your letter of reference, please include the following:

1. Your honest assessment of the applicant's skills and interests as they relate to the intent of this scholarship;
2. The name of the institution where the applicant is enrolled and a brief description of the applicant's program of studies;
3. Your relationship to the applicant;
4. Your name and address.
5. Letter on official letterhead with your signature. Sent from your institutional email address, if emailed.

You should feel at liberty to discuss your comments with the applicant if you choose to, but be assured that we will treat your comments with confidentiality.

Please send your letter of reference to the following address by **April 1, 2025**:

cjms@mcccanada.ca (Subject: CJMS reference)

Thank you for your assistance!

If you have any questions, please email cjms@mcccanada.ca (Subject: CJMS inquiry).

CANADIAN JAPANESE MENNONITE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION PAGE

AMOUNT: \$ 3,000.00

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Must be received by **April 1, 2025**

For an application form or for more information:

- Visit: mcccanada.ca/scholarships
- Email: cjms@mcccanada.ca (Subject: CJM inquiry)

SPONSORS: National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC)
Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC Canada)

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is:

- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or international student studying at a Canadian university in Canada;
- Enrolled in a graduate degree program the fall semester following the deadline; and
- Engaged in research that will assist the protection of minority or human rights in Canada.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was created as a tangible symbol of cooperation between Canadian Japanese and Canadian Mennonites subsequent to a formal apology that was offered to Canadian Japanese by MCC Canada on behalf of Canadian Mennonites.

The scholarship is intended to assist the protection of minority and human rights in Canada, and to reduce the potential for abuse of cultural minorities such as that suffered by Japanese Canadians during World War II.