

# Application for the Class of 2020



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Please carefully read the information below and contact us should you have any questions:  
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The following information must be submitted via email no later than **Jan 9, 2020** to

**MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org:**

- ✓ Application including responses to essay questions
- ✓ CV/resume including employment and education history
- ✓ Letter of Recommendation – see Guidelines for your endorser

## Selection Criteria

- Demonstration of a strong potential for participation and leadership in the Japanese/ Japanese American (J/JA) community
- A desire to learn about and support the J/JA community into the future
- Commitment to fully engage in all MGLP activities and events
- Applicants of any ethnicity may apply to the program

## Program Schedule

The Mirai Generations Leadership Program (MGLP) runs March through July 2020. **We ask that you confirm your availability on the dates below before you apply. Your attendance is essential to the success of the program.** However, we will work with you if scheduling conflicts arise during the run of the program, with the exception of the critical core components of the Kick Off Retreat in March. If you know in advance that you cannot attend all events/activities, we recommend you postpone your application to a year when you can meet the required time commitment.

## **Key Dates for the Class of 2020 – Applicants are expected to be available for ALL key dates**

<b>Jan 22, 23, 24, evening</b>	Applicant Interviews at Sakura Square (1 date per applicant)
<b>Feb 12, 6:00-7:30pm</b>	Meet and Greet with the MGLP Alumni
<b>March 13 (5pm) to 15</b>	Kick-off Weekend Retreat, will conclude with a brunch with the Sakura Foundation Board
<b>March 28, 9am-12pm</b> <b>Optional lunch after session</b>	Learning Session with DJ Ida Location: Sakura Foundation Office
<b>April 11, 9am-12pm</b> <b>Optional lunch after session</b>	Learning Session with Alyssa Nilemo (MGLP alumna, USJC Emerging Leader Class of 2018) and Allyson Goto (MGLP alumna); Location: Sakura Foundation Office
<b>April 18, 9am-12pm</b> <b>Optional lunch after session</b>	Learning Session with Robin Yasui Location: Sakura Foundation Office
<b>April – June</b>	“Community Connection” interviews with at least 3 leaders of your choice in the J/JA community
<b>April – June</b>	3 to 4 “Group Huddles” to be scheduled at a convenient time for all to discuss Community Connections and other timely topics
<b>July 12, 11:30-2:30pm</b>	Celebration Lunch and Individual Presentations at History Colorado

**Letter of Recommendation:**

With your application, please submit at least one Letter of Recommendation, preferably from a participant in the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community. The endorser can be a community or professional colleague, supervisor, professor, etc. (no family members, please).

**The Guidelines for the Letter of Recommendation are as follows (a separate instruction sheet for your endorser is available at the end of this application and at [www.SakuraFoundation.org](http://www.SakuraFoundation.org).)**

1. Endorser name, mailing address, email address and cell number
2. Under what circumstances and for how long you have known the applicant
3. A brief description of your involvement in the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community
4. Your assessment of why the applicant would be a good candidate for the Mirai Generations Leadership Program, including the following:
  - Your knowledge of the applicant's professionalism, initiative, capacity for team work/interaction with others and capacity for growth
  - Your knowledge of the applicant's commitment to the J/JA community

**The Letter of Recommendation must be submitted no later than January 9, 2020 to [MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org](mailto:MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org).** It may accompany your application or may be sent directly from the endorser.

**Tuition**

The tuition for the Class of 2020 is \$250 per participant. Lack of funds should not prevent a candidate from applying to the program. Requests for financial aid or scholarships will be taken on a case-by-case basis after the selection process. Participants are responsible for their own travel to all sessions including the kick off retreat. All program materials, food and retreat lodging costs are covered by the program.



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***Thank you for your interest in the Mirai Generations Leadership Program. Sakura Foundation is pleased to present this valuable program to our community.***



# Program Application

Class of 2020

**Must be received via email no later than  
Thursday, Jan 9, 2020**

## Applicant Information

Name:	Date of birth:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Email:	Cell:
<b>**Please submit your resume or CV including employment and education history**</b>	
How did you learn about the Mirai Generations Leadership Program?	

## Japanese/Japanese American Community Activities/Involvement/Volunteerism (provide attachment if needed)

Organization/Company	Role	Dates

### Essay Questions

Please attach answers to the following questions (up to 500 words per question):

- 1) What do you know about the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community in Denver and what makes it important to you?
- 2) What do you want to learn about the J/JA community through this program?
- 3) What do you hope to gain personally from participation in the Mirai Generations Leadership Program?
- 4) What else would you like us to know about you? (optional)

### Letter of Recommendation

At least one Letter of Recommendation, preferably from a participant or leader in the Japanese/ Japanese American community is required. The endorser can be a community or professional colleague, supervisor, professor, etc. (no family members, please). **It is your responsibility to provide the Letter of Recommendation Guidelines to your endorser.** The letter must be received by the application deadline of January \_\_, 2020.

### Statement of Agreement

*I hereby confirm the following:*

- All information in my application is true and accurate, and I give the Mirai Generations Leadership Program (MGLP) organizers my permission to verify any facts or statements with appropriate parties.
- I confirm that I am available to attend all MGLP activities and events as outlined in the application and acknowledge that tardiness and/or absence from these events may result in my dismissal from the program.
- Any unforeseen circumstances that would prevent my attendance at an event will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- I acknowledge that I am responsible for communicating with MGLP organizers and fellow participants in a timely manner to facilitate the effectiveness of the program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your completed application, essay responses, CV/resume and Letter of Recommendation no later than Thurs, January 9, 2020 to [MGLP@sakurafoundation.org](mailto:MGLP@sakurafoundation.org).**

# Letter of Recommendation Guidelines



## **To the Applicant:**

Please submit one Letter of Recommendation, preferably from a participant in the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community, with your application for the Mirai Generations Leadership Program. The endorser can be a community or professional colleague, supervisor, professor, etc. (no family members, please).

**The Letter of Recommendation and completed application must be submitted no later than Thurs, January 9, 2020 to [MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org](mailto:MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org).**

## **To the Endorser:**

The **Mirai Generations Leadership Program (MGLP)** provides a space for its participants to learn more about themselves, grow their leadership skills, learn about the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community, discover how they want to contribute to and be a part of the community and meet mentors and peers with whom they will make lifelong connections. The program is presented annually by Sakura Foundation.

### **In your Letter of Recommendation, please include responses to the following:**

1. Your name, mailing address, email address and cell number
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Sakura Foundation is dedicated to celebrating its Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) heritage, culture and community and sustaining the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple. The nonprofit foundation was established in 2014 as a result of a re-organization within Sakura Square, which is located in the heart of downtown Denver, CO. True to its charitable mission, Sakura Foundation is committed to preserving the Japanese culture and heritage through programs, events, grants and scholarships. The Foundation encourages and embraces community members of all walks of life to share in the J/JA experience in metro Denver.

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