

Application Instructions for the Class of 2022



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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 no later than **March 11, 2022**

- ✓ Application including responses to essay questions
- ✓ CV/resume including employment and education history
- ✓ Letter of Recommendation – see Guidelines for your endorser
- ✓ Copy of COVID-19 vaccination card (2 doses or 1 dose J&J, plus booster)

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 April through August 2022. **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 Session in April. 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 2022 – Applicants are expected to be available for ALL dates

March 18, 22 or 24, evening	Applicant Interviews via Zoom (1 date per applicant)
April 13, 6:00pm	Meet and Greet the Class of 2022 and the MGLP Alumni
April 30, 9am – 4pm	Kick-off Retreat in The Hub at Sakura Square
May 14, 9am-12pm	Learning Session and lunch with DJ Ida Location: The Hub at Sakura Square
May 21, 9am-12pm	Learning Session and Lunch with Joie Ha Location: The Hub at Sakura Square
June 4, 9am-12pm	Learning Session and Lunch with Alyssa Nilemo and Allyson Goto Location: The Hub at Sakura Square
May – July	“Community Connection” interviews with at least 3 leaders of your choice in the J/JA community
May – July	3 to 4 “Group Huddles” to be scheduled at a convenient time for all to discuss Community Connections and other timely topics
August	Celebration Lunch, date TBD

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 these instructions and at 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 March 11, 2022. It may accompany your application or may be sent directly from the endorser to MGLP@SakuraFoundation.org.

Tuition

The tuition for the Class of 2022 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. All program materials are covered by the program. *Payment is due at the first MGLP session on April 30, 2022.*

For the safety of all, full vaccination (i.e. 2 doses or 1 J&J, plus booster) against COVID-19 is required for all applicants to the MGLP. Sakura Foundation will implement safety guidelines throughout the program based on community health conditions and CDC, state, and local guidelines in order to protect participants, staff, and presenters.



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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.

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 must be submitted no later than March 11, 2022, either online with the application submission or via email to 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
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:
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Sakura Foundation is committed to preserving the Japanese/Japanese American (J/JA) community, 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/JAexperience in metro Denver.

Questions? Contact Stacey Shigaya, Program Director at staceys@sakurafoundation.org