

Application Instructions for the Class of 2025



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Please review the information below and contact us should you have any questions:

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Please submit the following information ONLINE no later than **February 7, 2024**:

<https://sakurafoundation.org/mglp/>

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

Selection Criteria

- An interest in learning about/ participating in the Japanese/ Japanese American (J/JA) community, strengthening leadership skills, and building community
- A desire to learn about and support the J/JA community into the future
- Commitment to fully engage in all MGLP Class of 2025 activities and events
- Applicants of all ethnicities are welcome to apply to the program

Program Schedule

The 2025 Mirai Generations Leadership Program (MGLP) runs March through April 2025. **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. If you know in advance that you cannot attend all events/activities, please contact us for further discussion.

Key Dates for the Class of 2025

All events will be held in the Sakura Foundation Office @ Sakura Square
1255 19th Street, Denver CO 80202

Feb 17 - 22, evening appointments	Applicant Interviews (one date per applicant) at Sakura Square Zoom link available in the event of inclement weather
Feb 27, 6:30pm	Meet and Greet for the Class of 2025 and the MGLP Alumni
March 8, 10am – 4pm	Kick-off Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-discovery and reflection via Myers-Briggs with Emily Frank - Overview and history of the JA community with Gil Asakawa - History and mission of Sakura Square and Sakura Foundation with Stacey Shigaya
March 15, 10am – 12pm	Introduction to local JA organizations and their leaders
March 22, 10am – 11:30am	Learning Session with MGLP Alum and Sakura Foundation board member Brent Sabati
April 5, 10am – 2pm	Learning Sessions with Dr. Cody Walizer (DEI) and Dr. DJ Ida (Self-Reflection)
April	Celebration Lunch with Sakura Foundation board and MGLP Alums, date and location TBD

Letter of Recommendation:

With your application, please submit at least one Letter of Recommendation, preferably from a participant in the 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/MGLP/.)

1. Endorser name, mailing address, email address, and cell number
2. Under what circumstances and for how long has the endorser known the applicant?
3. Brief description of the endorser's involvement in the Japanese/Japanese American community
4. Endorser's assessment of what makes the applicant a good candidate for the Mirai Generations Leadership Program, including the following:
 - Applicant's interest in the Japanese/Japanese American community
 - Applicant's initiative and desire for growth
 - How the applicant can benefit from the leadership program

The Letter of Recommendation must be submitted no later than February 7, 2025. It may accompany your online application or may be sent directly from the endorser to info@SakuraFoundation.org.

Tuition

The tuition for the Class of 2025 session 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 on or before the first MGLP session on March 8, 2025.*



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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.***