



In an effort to continue to provide an experience of social justice in action and to allow diverse input, participation and energy, the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee (MPPC), the Nisei Veterans Committee/Nisei Veterans Foundation and the Seattle University International Student Center are proud to offer unique scholarship opportunities to college students.

Student scholarship recipients are asked to assist with work activities before and during the 2016 Pilgrimage. The dates of the 2016 pilgrimage are from Thursday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 26, 2016. All scholarship recipients are encouraged to be involved in the planning of subsequent Pilgrimages and if possible assist with the Day of Remembrance programming - the 2016 Day of Remembrance Taiko Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Seattle University, as well as other fundraisers and community outreach.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2016

History of Minidoka Incarceration Camp:

The Minidoka War Relocation Center was in operation from 1942-1945 and was one of ten concentration camps at which Japanese Americans, both citizens and resident aliens, were incarcerated during World War II. Almost 13,000 people, predominantly from Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, had to leave their homes and were sent to Minidoka, located near Twin Falls, Idaho.

The site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 10, 1979. In 2001, a presidential proclamation established the 72-acre Minidoka Internment National Monument in order to preserve and protect the legacy of this unique and irreplaceable historical resource. In 2008, President George W. Bush changed the status of the U.S. National Monument to Minidoka National Historical Site.

The Minidoka Pilgrimage:

The first Minidoka Pilgrimage took place in 2003. From June 25-28, 2015 former incarcerated, their families, and friends will make a pilgrimage - from Seattle, Portland, and across the nation - to the former Minidoka Concentration Camp in Idaho. The Minidoka Pilgrimage provides an opportunity to share memories, ask questions, and learn more about the Minidoka experience. We have averaged more than 100 attendees each year.

The Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee:

The Planning Committee consists of volunteers who organize the annual pilgrimage. Our committee is diverse and includes former incarcerated, people whose family has been incarcerated, former scholarship recipients and other interested individuals. Primary committee work begins in the fall and concludes with the pilgrimage in June. An annual fundraiser in February and spring, as well as other community outreach events are also included as committee work.



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The Pilgrimage:

- Guided tour of the Minidoka National Historical Site by National Park Service staff
- Visit to an original barrack at the site of Block 22
- Visit to an original Mess Hall
- Programs that focus on sharing stories of those who were incarcerated.
- View historic reconstructed guard tower and Honor Roll
- Commemorative Ceremony

The Scholarship Recipient will receive:

- Complimentary attendance to the 2016 Minidoka Pilgrimage. This includes transportation, registration costs, lodging, and all meals while attending the pilgrimage.
- The opportunity to serve on the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee (MPPC) and to assist with the planning for future pilgrimages and other events.
- Assist with the planning for the 2016 Day of Remembrance Fundraiser at Seattle University on Sunday, February 21, 2016.
- Help with outreach by representing the MPPC at events such as, but not limited to, Bellevue Aki Matsuri, Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival and Seattle Bon Odori.
- Active and vital role with the 2016 pilgrimage to Minidoka.

Eligibility and Expectations:

- Must be a student at least 18 years of age or graduated from college in the past one or two years. Undergraduate and graduate students can apply.
- Is able to participate for the entire pilgrimage trip from Thursday, June 23rd – Sunday June 26, 2016.
- Will assist the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee with duties while attending the pilgrimage.
- Is able to attend the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee meetings prior to the pilgrimage.
- Will create a project of your interest relating to the Minidoka Pilgrimage. This project can either be educational, a way to document the pilgrimage, or a way to help the Pilgrimage Committee. Past projects include: video of the pilgrimage, picture show, and creating a Pilgrimage evaluation survey.



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Eligibility and Expectations (continued):

- Available to attend a Scholarship Awards Banquet after the pilgrimage, tentatively in September, to share your project to the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee.
- Actively participate in Day of Remembrance (DOR) programming. The 2016 DOR event is scheduled on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Seattle University.
- Assist with various outreach opportunities and fundraisers.

Scholarship Timeline:

- Applications accepted beginning January 1, 2016. Deadline is **Friday, April 15, 2016**.
 - Note early applications may be considered but announcements may not be made until after the final deadline in April. Early participation is recommended.
- Scholarship Applicants Notified: Late April to early May 2016

Contact:

- Submit the scholarship to minidokascholarship@gmail.com or to the following address via postal mail:

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