



## 2020 Minidoka Pilgrimage · July 9-12, 2020 Youth Scholarship Information

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) 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 Pilgrimage. The dates of the 2020 pilgrimage are from Thursday, July 9th through Sunday, July 12. All scholarship recipients are encouraged to be involved in the planning of subsequent Pilgrimages and if possible assist with the Day of Remembrance programming in February 2021 and other community outreach.

### **Submission Deadline: Monday, April 20, 2020**

#### 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. Each year 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, with attendance and interest increasing as the Minidoka National Historic Site is developed.

#### 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, 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 Historic Site by National Park Service staff
- Visit to an original barrack at the site of Block 22
- Visit to an original Mess Hall, fire station and warehouse
- Programs that focus on sharing stories of those who were incarcerated.
- View historic reconstructed guard tower, Honor Roll and baseball field
- Commemorative Ceremony

### The Scholarship Recipient will receive:

- Complimentary attendance to the 2020 Minidoka Pilgrimage. This includes transportation to Idaho, registration costs, lodging, and all meals while attending the pilgrimage.
- A position with the Minidoka Pilgrimage Planning Committee (MPPC) and opportunity to assist with the planning for future pilgrimages and other events.
- Help with outreach by representing the MPPC at events such as, but not limited to, Seattle Bon Odori in July and various community events throughout the year.
- Active and vital role with the pilgrimage to Minidoka.

### Eligibility and Expectations:

- Must be an individual of 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, July 9th – Sunday, July 12.
- 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. Meetings are generally held on Thursdays at Midori Condominiums Common Room, 1515 East Yesler Way in Seattle.
- 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, slide show presentation, 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 in February.
- Assist with various outreach opportunities and fundraisers.
- Generally, 4 to 6 scholarships are awarded annually. One scholarship position reserved for a student or recent graduate of Seattle University.

### Scholarship Timeline:

- Applications accepted beginning February 17, 2020. Deadline is **Monday, April 20, 2020**.
- Scholarship Applicants Notified: May

### Contact:

- Submit the scholarship to [minidokascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:minidokascholarship@gmail.com) or to the following address via postal mail:

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