

**2026 SCHOLARSHIP PACKET INFORMATION**

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**

**I. GENERAL:**

There are a total of seventeen scholarships currently administered through the Buddhist Church of Stockton. Nine are provided by individuals, and eight by various organizations and the Temple. The donors and the amounts are as follows:

**A. Individuals:**

- 1. James and Sumiko Kochi Memorial Scholarship..... \$1,500.00
- 2.. Mr, Teddy Saiki, Mrs. May Saiki and Dr. Deborah Saiki Memorial ..... \$1,500.00
- 3. Dr. Wilfred and Catherine M. Gotanda Memorial..... \$1,000.00
- 4. Dr. John and Caroline Fujimori Memorial..... \$1,000.00
- 5. Yoshio and Clara Yamada Memorial..... \$1,000.00
- 6. Yutaka “Bob” and Hanae Watanabe Memorial ..... \$1,000.00
- 7. Calvin Matsumoto Memorial.....\$1,000.00
- 8. Ryojiro and Seki Yamada Memorial.....\$ 750.00
- 9. Masamitsu and Mieko Kamigaki Memorial .....\$ 300.00

**B. Organizations:**

- 1. Buddhist Church of Stockton ..... \$1,000.00
- 2. Stockton Buddhist Women’s Association (SBWA –High School).....\$1,000.00
- 3. Stockton Buddhist Women’s Association (SBWA- College).....\$1,000.00
- 4. Reverend Tesshin Shibata Memorial.....\$ 500.00
- 5. Aichi Shinboku Kai .....\$ 500.00
- 6. Young Adult Buddhist Association (YABA).....\$ 500.00
- 7. Adult Buddhist Association (ABA).....\$ 500.00
- 8. Young Buddhist Association (YBA).....\$ 500.00

**II. GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA:**

A. The Gotanda, Saiki, Kamigaki, Watanabe, Buddhist Church of Stockton, Aichi Shinboku Kai, Rev. Shibata, SBWA, YABA, and ABA. scholarship guidelines are attached.

B. Where no guidelines are specified by the donor individuals or organization, the Temple uses the following guidelines:

- Scholarship..... 35%
- Temple Activities..... 30%
- Community & School Activities..... 25%
- Need..... 10%

C. The Temple further stipulates that (unless otherwise specified by the donor individuals or organization):

- 1. The parent of the recipient must be a member of the Temple or an active member of the Buddhist religion;
- 2. Awards will be made on a competitive basis and all recipients must meet the minimum qualifications as determined by the Scholarship Committee; and
- 3. **Since graduating high school seniors will be given preference over college students,** the availability of scholarships for college students may be limited by the number of **qualifying** high school graduate applicants in any given year.

**III. APPLICATION PROCESS:**

A. Applicant fills out the attached application form and provides the Temple with his/ her **transcript**. The **completed form, transcript, and all other information requested must be submitted to the Temple office by 12:00pm, Friday, May 8, 2026, in order to be considered.**

B. Application and transcript will be evaluated by a Temple appointed committee. The decision to award each scholarship will be made based on the donor’s guidelines or Temple guidelines, if specified.

**IV. AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The recipient of each scholarship will be notified and the scholarship will be presented to the student at the annual Awards and Graduation service. This year it will be on June 8, 2025.

Attachments: Application (pgs. 2-4); Guidelines (pgs. 5-15)





**COLLEGE STUDENT ACTIVITY RECORD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college: Freshman\_\_\_\_ Sophomore\_\_\_\_ Junior\_\_\_\_ Senior\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student\_\_\_\_

Work and School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Involvement; Awards, Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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YBA membership maintained at: \_\_\_\_\_

YBA activities involved in while attending college (offices held, committees, conferences attended, etc.)

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Explain how you try to maintain your involvement in the Buddhist faith (i.e. help at bazaar, attend family memorial services, attend Temple services as able, practice Buddhist teachings, etc.)

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Current G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

Current plans and any other significant information that should be considered: \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUNG ADULT BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (YABA)**  
**SHORT NARRATIVE SUBMISSION**

Please write a short essay detailing your strong Buddhist ideals and how you use the teachings of the Buddha in your daily life. Please address how Buddhism has influenced your life and thought processes.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. WILFRED and CATHERINE GOTANDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**\$1,000.00**

We, Steven T. Gotanda, Neil T. Gotanda, and Philip K Gotanda, donate \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars) to the Buddhist Church of Stockton to be added to the \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) in the Wilfred I. Gotanda Scholarship to establish a new **CATHERINE AND WILFRED GOTANDA SCHOLARSHIP** with the following conditions:

1. The \$20,000 principal is to be maintained intact and the annual interest will be used for an academic scholarship.
2. The scholarship is to be awarded in the last month of the academic year to a graduating high school senior whose family is a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton.
3. A committee appointed by the Board of the Buddhist Church of Stockton shall be responsible for the selection of the recipient.
4. The award shall be given on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement.

Steven T. Gotanda  
Neil T. Gotanda  
Philip K. Gotanda

(Established: December 1999)

## **MR. TEDDY SAIKI, MRS. MAY SAIKI and DR. DEBORAH SAIKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Name of Scholarship:**

Mr. Teddy Saiki, Mrs. May Saiki and Dr. Deborah Saiki Memorial Scholarship

### **Amount and Number:**

\$1,500.00 awarded to one (1) student per year

### **Eligibility:**

1. Open to graduating high school seniors and college students.
2. A college student is eligible for re-application yearly, provided the minimum GPA is maintained.
3. Open to students involved in church activities.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Minimum of 3.0 scholastic average
2. Character
3. Citizenship
4. Leadership

### **Procedure for Application and Award:**

1. Obtain registration form at Buddhist Church of Stockton, 2820 Shimizu Drive, Stockton, CA 95203
2. Submit application, transcript and **TWO** letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Church
3. Final selection by Church Scholarship Committee

By: Rodney Saiki

(Revised: 3/24/03)

## YUTAKA “BOB” AND HANAE WATANABE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. The \$10,000.00 principal is to be maintained intact and the annual interest will be used for an academic scholarship.
2. Specified donations to this Scholarship Fund

### **NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

Yutaka “Bob “and Hanae Watanabe Memorial Scholarship

### **AMOUNT & NUMBER:**

\$1,000.00 awarded to one (1) student per year

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Open to graduating high school seniors and college students
2. Open to students **actively involved** in the Buddhist Church of Stockton, the community and school activities.
3. The parent(s) must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton for the past five years.
4. Priority will be given to a qualifying high school student before it is given to a qualifying college student.
5. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded for that year.

### **GUIDELINES:**

Temple activities	50%	Community & Scholastic Activities	10%
Scholarship	25%	Need	15%

Submit application, official transcript.

By: Family of Yutaka & Hanae Watanabe

(Established: December 2001)

(Amended: February 2022)

**MASAMITSU AND MIEKO KAMIGAKI**  
**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**\$300.00**

**SCHOLARSHIP STIPULATIONS:**

1. To be administered by the Buddhist Church of Stockton.
2. The initial scholarship fund amount of \$1,000.00 to be deposited in a guaranteed savings institution. The principal sum of the fund is not to be depleted, with only the interest accrued to be given as a scholarship grant on an annual basis. Any increase in the principal amount of the fund by means of additional donations shall be considered the "principal sum" and is not to be depleted.
3. The minimum scholarship beginning June 1976 will be \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).
4. Eligibility standards:
  - a. Must be of the Buddhist faith and a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton.
  - b. Graduating high school student who will be entering college or...
  - c. Present college student, undergraduate or post-graduate school.
5. I, or one of my acknowledged representatives, reserve the privilege to sit on the church committee in the selection of the recipient.
6. Any increase in the annual scholarship is to be decided upon by me or an acknowledged representative.

Masanobu Kamigaki

(Established in 1976 by: Dr. & Mrs. Masanobu Kamigaki)

## **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON SCHOLARSHIP**

### **AMOUNT AND NUMBER:**

\$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to be given to one (1) qualifying student per year.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Open to graduating high school seniors and college students.
2. Open to students actively involved in the Buddhist Church of Stockton, the community and school activities.
3. The parent(s) must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton for the past five (5) years.
4. Priority will be given to a qualifying high school student before it is given to a qualifying college student.
5. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded for that year.

### **GUIDELINES:**

Temple activities:	50%	Community & Scholastic Activities:	10%
Scholarship	25%	Need:	15%

Submit application, official transcript and two letters of recommendation.

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**  
**REVEREND TESSHIN SHIBATA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Name of Scholarship:**

Reverend Tesshin Shibata Memorial Scholarship

Contributions to the Reverend Tesshin Shibata Memorial Scholarship fund will be kept in principal.

1. Specified donations
2. Solicited contributions on Annual Temple Anniversary
3. Special Scholarship Fund Annual Project

The scholarship grants will be derived from Interests earned on the Principal.

**Amount and Durations:**

\$500.00 to be given to one (1) qualifying student per year.

**Eligibility:**

1. Open to graduating High School Students or College Students with affiliations with the Buddhist Church of Stockton
2. Priority will be given to a qualifying High School Student before it is given to a qualifying College Student
3. Students involved in Church activities
4. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded for that year

**Qualifications:**

1. Above average scholastic achievement
2. Character, citizenship and commitment
3. Need

**Evaluation Guide:**

1. Scholarship (50%)
2. Affiliated activities and Temple Involvement (25%)
3. Community and School Activities (15%)
4. Need (10%)

Applications to be submitted directly to the Buddhist Church of Stockton

## AICHI SHINBOKU KAI SCHOLARSHIP

### AMOUNT AND NUMBER:

One scholarship of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars)

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Open to graduating high school seniors and college students.
2. Open to students whose family is a member of the Aichi Shinboku Kai.
3. Priority will be given to a qualifying high school student before it is given to a qualifying college student.
4. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded.

### GUIDELINES:

1. Minimum of 2.5 scholastic average
2. Character
3. Citizenship
4. Leadership

Submit application and official transcript.

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**  
**BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SBWA)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize character, leadership, citizenship and to encourage the Buddhist faith.

\$1000.00 for High School – a senior who is entering college or vocational school

\$1000.00 for College – undergraduate or post graduate student (may re-apply annually)

**QUALIFICATION:**

1. Students must be a member of Y.B.A. or participate in the Church Bazaar and fundraising projects or be involved in a church sport activity.
2. Participate in community and student activities.
3. Grade point average 2.5 and above.
4. Either a parent must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton or the student must be active in the Buddhist religion.

**STIPULATION:**

If there are no qualified students, no scholarship will be awarded. Scholarship is not to be split.

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**  
**ADULT BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (ABA)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

**AMOUNT AND NUMBER:**

\$500.00 (five hundred) to be given to one (1) qualifying student per year.

**PURPOSE:**

The Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student or a continuing college student for recognition of their participation and leadership in church activities of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, achievement in scholarship, community involvement and development as a model Buddhist.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Open to graduating high school students or continuing college students with affiliations with the Buddhist Church of Stockton. (High school student must be active in YBA, Dharma School and other temple activities).
2. Priority will be given to a qualifying high school student before it is given to a qualifying college student.
3. Students involved in temple activities/special events.
4. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded for that year.
5. To be eligible for A.B.A.'s scholarship, the applicant must have a relative who is a member of ABA (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or great aunt/uncle)

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON**  
**YOUNG ADULT BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (YABA)**  
**SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

**AMOUNT AND NUMBER:**

\$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to be awarded to one (1) qualifying college student per year.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Open to students who are currently enrolled in college, technical school, vocational, post-graduate school or a specialty school.
2. Student must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton or parent(s) must be a member of the Buddhist Church of Stockton.
3. If there is no qualified recipient, the scholarship shall not be awarded.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Impact on the Buddhist community
2. Grade Point Average minimum of 2.5
3. List of current or planned class work
4. Strong community service involvement

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT:**

An additional requirement, and the most important, is a short essay detailing the applicant's strong Buddhist ideals and how he/she uses the teachings of the Buddha in their daily life. Emphasis on how Buddhism has influenced the applicant's life and thought processes must be addressed.

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Amended 2/7/22  
Amended 3/4/24