



Japan-America Society of Tennessee, Inc.

2010 Community Service Awards

Nomination Deadline September 1, 2010

The Japan-America Society of Tennessee invites nominations for its sixth annual Community Service Awards. These awards recognize the accomplishments of outstanding industry and community leaders whose efforts have made substantial and enduring contributions to Japan-Tennessee relations, effectively improving public life and the well being of our mutual society.

Nominations are accepted this year in three award categories: **Chrysanthemum, Iris and Sakura.**

Any person or group may make a nomination. A \$25 nomination fee (*waived for JAST corporate and community members*), payable by check to **Japan-America Society of Tennessee**, should accompany each completed nomination. **Nominations and fees are due September 1, 2010.**

Award recipients from a prior year ARE ELIGIBLE for nomination.

CRITERIA AND NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- The JAST Community Service Awards Committee, comprised of volunteers from among JAST members, will independently rate and select the award recipients based on the following criteria:
 - **Chrysanthemum:** Community involvement and support demonstrated by Japanese-owned companies in three size categories, based on numbers of employees: Small (1 -200); Medium (201-500); and Large (501 and above);
 - **Iris:** Unique contributions to the enhancement of Japan-Tennessee relations as demonstrated by a company, organization or individual; and
 - **Sakura:** Exceptional *volunteer* efforts by an individual toward the improvement and/or expansion of the relationship between Japan and Tennessee.
- Community service activity must have occurred during 2009-2010, OR the individual or company must have demonstrated a commitment to significant community service since its establishment or over the course of five (5) years or more;
- All nominations should describe the 1) original goal or intent of the activity, project or contribution; 2) resources expended (volunteer hours, financial investment, other); and 3) positive impact of the implemented programs/projects/etc.
- Depending on the number and quality of submissions, a maximum of five awards may be presented this year: three (3) Chrysanthemum; one (1) Iris and one (1) Sakura.
- Self-nominations are encouraged. Any organization or individual may submit multiple nominations.
- Completed nominations, including the \$25 fee per nomination (waived for nominations by JAST members), must be submitted using the official JAST Community Service Award Nomination Form
- Awards will be announced in advance by news release and will be presented at the Tennessee Host State Reception at a ceremony during the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southeast U.S./Japan and Japan-U.S. Southeast Associations on Sunday, October 17th, at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Recipients are requested to be present to accept their award; the Nominating Sponsor will be notified in advance of successful nominations.

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 TO: JAST COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS COMMITTEE, C/O EMILY WINCKLER, P.O. BOX 190476, NASHVILLE, 37219; OR EMAIL WITH PAYMENT TO FOLLOW TO ewinckler@jastn.com OR 615-879-8727.

NOMINATION FORM
2010 JAST Community Service Awards
Nominations must be received by September 1, 2010

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form and prepare the requested statements. Please type or print clearly. A \$25 fee per nomination applies (*waived for JAST corporate & community members*).

Nomination for (one nomination per form, please):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chrysanthemum Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Iris Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Sakura Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small (200 employees or less) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium (201 – 500 employees) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large (more than 500 employees) | | |
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1. **Community Service Description and Rationale** – On a separate sheet of paper, please describe in 500 words or less how the nominee has served your community or the Japan-Tennessee relationship in an exemplary manner and why you believe they merit a JAST Community Service Award. Include the resulting positive outcomes, citing project names and dates of accomplishments if applicable, as well as any other information you would like the selection committee to consider.

2. **Nominee Information:**

Name of Program, Organization or Individual: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email Address: _____

3. **Nomination Sponsor** (complete only if different from above):

Name of Program, Organization or Individual: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email Address: _____

Return completed nomination form and \$25 nomination fee, waived for JAST members,
payable to Japan-America Society of TN,
no later than September 1, 2010:
JAST Community Service Awards Committee
c/o Emily Winckler
P.O. Box 190476
Nashville, TN 37219

Nominations may also be e-mailed to ewinckler@jastn.com, fee(s) to follow.

Thank you for supporting the JAST Community Service Awards!