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**Connection through Business,
Culture and Education**

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History, Mission, and Programs



Our History

The Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) was founded on July 24, 1923 by Seattle's business, academic, and diplomatic community leaders. Except for a brief period during World War II, our organization has remained active in fostering Japan-Washington State trade, business, and cultural activities. It maintains a close relationship with key government and private organizations such as the Consulate- General of Japan and the Japan Business Association of Seattle. Until the 1980s, JASSW was run entirely by volunteers. Today, our staff consists of paid professionals.

Our Mission

is to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the people of Japan and Washington State by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information.

Throughout the year

our staff works with members, volunteers, industry leaders and other Japan-related institutions to bring enjoyable and informative events on a variety of US-Japan topics.

Programs include:

- Distinguished speakers and trade related seminars including networking
- JAS-Net social events
- Cultural events including music, film, books and museum exhibitions
- Partnership events
- Auctions
- "Japan In the Schools" and "America In the Schools" educational programs

Welcome to the Society

Become a...



Corporate Member



Individual Member



Intern or Volunteer



Volunteering

Our programs and events offer connections with many businesses, and volunteers are a large part of our success. JASSW is always looking for members and organizations to help with Japan in the Schools presentations and its many events throughout the year. Upon application either through this form or online, a JASSW coordinator will contact you with various volunteer opportunities.

Internships

Our internship program offers great experiences and connections in the field of international relations. Interns gain valuable administrative, event planning, presentation, networking and bookkeeping skills.

Support

JASSW is supported by membership dues, program fees and contributions from members, corporations, foundations and individuals who share our vision and goals. Your generosity makes our events and programs possible.

Partners



Our Society Outreach at a Glance



Membership

Membership benefits include:

- Reduced member rates for Society programs and events
- Invitations to exclusive, members-only events
- Access to our online directory of members
- Networking with others with interests in the US-Japan relationship

Individual Membership*

Dues are for one year. Subsequent years' dues are due and payable on the anniversary date of membership.

- **President's Circle** \$1000: Applicant and applicant's family members entitled to all Board of Directors benefits.
 - **Executive Circle** \$500: Applicant and applicant's family members entitled to all Board of Directors benefits.
 - **Family** \$75: Includes any number of family members living together
 - **Regular** \$60: Any individual under 65 years of age
 - **Friendship Circle** \$60
 - **Senior (65+)** \$30: any individual 65 years of age or older
 - **Japan Young Professionals (30-)** \$30: Any individual 30 years of age or younger
 - **Student** \$20: Any undergraduate/post graduate student currently enrolled. (Student ID Required)
 - **JET Alumni** \$20: Restricted to JET Program alumni within one year after the end of their JET Employment
- *Entitled to one vote at the annual meeting of the Society (excluding student level).

Additional Benefits for Corporate Members

- **Coverage:** Membership benefits extend to your employees.
- **Advertising:** Opportunities to showcase your company through sponsorship of our annual fundraising events.
- **Networking:** Meet hundreds of other corporate and individual members at events, and find the right people to help you grow your business.
- **Preference:** Participate in selected events for access to government and business leaders in Japan.
- **Meeting Facility:** Use of the JASSW private conference room conveniently located on Mercer Island between Seattle and Bellevue. (Subject to availability.)
- **Online Directory:** List additional designated representatives of your organization.

Corporate Membership Dues

- **Benefactor:** 20 designated representatives \$5000
- **Patron:** 15 designated representatives \$2500
- **Sustaining:** 5 designated representatives \$1250
- **Regular:** 4 designated representatives \$600
- **Associate (Restricted to businesses with five or fewer employees worldwide):** key contact only \$350
- **Friendship Circle:** key contact only \$350

*Each designated representative can vote at the annual meeting of the Society and at any special meeting duly called.

Designated Representatives

All employees of a corporate member receive member discounts, but only designated representatives receive mailings and listings in the online Membership Directory.

2024 Corporate Members

3 Benefactors



4 Patron



13 Sustaining

- CalPortland
- City of Bellevue
- Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
- Ito En (North America) Inc. / Distant Lands Coffee
- JAMCO America, Inc.
- Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.
- Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc.
- Perkins Coie LLP
- Russell Investments
- Sompo International
- Sugimoto Tea Company
- Toray Composite Materials America, Inc.
- US Bank

35 Regular

- Actapio, Inc.
- AFCO & Sons, LLC
- All Nippon Airways (ANA)
- Bellevue Children's Academy
- Civil Aircraft Engineering Services (CAESCO)
- Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle
- FUJIFILM SonoSite Inc.
- Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S.
- JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization)
- Kibun Foods (U.S.A.) Inc.
- Kohtoku Enterprise, Inc.
- Kubota Vision Inc.
- Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson
- Maruha Capital Investment, Inc.
- Mitsui-Soko (USA) Inc.
- Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas)
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc.
- Moss Adams LLP
- Nichimo International Inc.
- OBI Seafoods, LLC
- Port of Everett
- Port of Moses Lake
- Puget Sound Energy
- Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC
- Seattle Japanese Garden - The Arboretum Foundation
- Seattle Shrimp & Seafood Co Inc.
- Seattle Techs LLC
- Shatz Law Group PLLC
- Silver Bay Seafoods
- Starbucks Corporation
- Trident Seafoods Corporation
- Umpqua Bank
- UW, Japan Studies Program
- Uwajimaya, Inc
- Weyerhaeuser

8 Associate

- Hyogo Business & Cultural Center
- Mukai Farm & Garden
- New Trend Marketing Group LLC
- Obirin Gakuen Foundation of America
- Pac-Mar, Inc.
- Satomi International Marketing, LLC
- Sequim Sister City Association
- Teatro ZinZanni

2 Friendship Circle

- English Pacifica
- Atomi University

Small Business Resiliency Program

Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) is one of the 30 partners in WA State Dept. of Commerce's Small Business Resiliency Network to provide culturally and linguistically relevant assistance and other business support services at no cost to entrepreneurs and small businesses. The JASSW Small Business Resiliency Program provides technical assistance, business consulting, business webinars, and other assistance in English and Japanese and often partners with JASSW members and other community organizations.

The JASSW Small Business Resiliency Program includes:

- Business 101 webinars in Japanese & English by business professionals
- Monthly workshops with CPA, CFE Advisor / QuickBooks ProAdvisor
- Weekly podcasts
- Weekly social media postings (知っ得情報, Newsletters)
- A commissary kitchen available to incubate food businesses



Shared
Commercial
Kitchen

Please come
and see it!!

PODCAST



JASSW SBRP PROVIDES SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WITH "THE ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS"!



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Small Business Support Info

Check out our SBRN website for support information!

<https://jassw.org/small-business/>



Empowerment Academy

Click here to register for the webinar and previous sessions.

<https://jassw.org/sbea>



Social Media

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Small Business
Resiliency Network

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Education Programs

Our Mission

Cultivating a sense of cultural awareness in children to foreign customs and value systems is one key to future peace in the world.



Our History

Japan in the Schools is a signature program of JASSW. Since its inception in 1994, its programs have been extremely well received and have served more than 65,000 students in Washington State. This steady and outstanding effort was recognized by the Mitsubishi Corporation, the Center of Global Partnership, US-Japan Foundation, which gave JAS significant grants in the last 15 years in addition to annual Weyerhaeuser grant, affirming the quality of JIS programming and its value to the community. Generous donations from members, community volunteers, and supporters continue inspire the younger generation to aspire to become future global leaders with a focus on US-Japan relations.

Japan in the Suitcase (JIS)

This free program consists of 3 lessons about school life and Japanese culture and 3 immersion lessons take Japanese studies beyond the textbook and present students with real-life situations in which they can use their Japanese skills through role-plays. Volunteers bring a suitcase filled with real props from Japan like textbooks, randoseru (standard elementary school backpacks), lunch serving outfits, popular items from convenient stores, and more K-12 schools in Washington State. The goal of these lessons is to spark American students interest in Japanese culture.



Taro

The elementary school life of Taro, presented to grades 1-5.



Hanako

The daily life of Hanako, presented to middle and high school students.



Tokaido

Social Studies presentation of Japanese history and geography, presented to middle and high school students.



Customs

(Beginner Level)



Shopping

(Intermediate Level)



Restaurant

(Advanced Level)

Education Programs

America in the Schools (AIS)

This program is designed to promote sensitivity and respect for cultural diversity by educating elementary school students in Japan about the daily life, language, and culture of America. By bringing American life to Japanese students at an early stage in their academic career, a resilient foundation can be cast that will promote awareness as well as encouragement for further English language and American culture studies—the youth are the future of the U.S.-Japan bond on all levels.

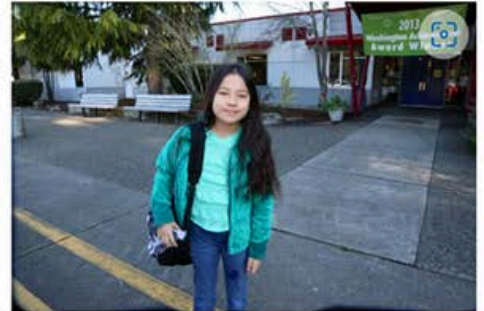
Cultural Diversity



Mutual Respect



Student Experience



JASSW Centennial Scholarship Program

OBJECTIVES: The Japan-America Society of Washington (JASSW) Centennial Scholarship is our commitment to empowering and nurturing the next generation of global leaders who will be instrumental in Building Bridges to the Next Century. This scholarship demonstrates our dedication to education and to US-Japan relations and honors the 100-year legacy of our organization.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Centennial Scholarship program supports educational initiatives offered by nonprofit organizations with **leadership development and global exchange programs**. Our program is designed to **offer financial assistance to students** pursuing international educational experiences. For 2024, we support three programs based in Washington State or in Japan at \$3500 each.

Friendship Circle

Cultural exchange network that promotes connection between the peoples of Japan and Washington State through education. It includes both Corporate Members and Regular Members and gives those living in Japan the opportunity to network and enrich their visit when coming to study or work in Washington State.



Business Etiquette

It provides essential insights into Japanese business culture, highlighting the differences between business practices and broader cultural norms to better prepare you for your first business trip.



JIS



AIS



Request a School Visit



Friendship Circle

Fundraising Events

Golf Tournament and Holiday Celebration

Contributions to the Society help fund our daily operations so we can continue showcasing relevant topics that help deepen the connections between Japan and Washington State.

We rely on our supporters to continue programming such as our America In the Schools and Japan In the Schools educational programs, monthly events inviting local and international speakers, casual JAS-Net networking events, and more.

Join us in our annual fundraising events that both help support the Society and provide an entertaining experience for you!



JASSW is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with Tax ID # 23-7282194. Gifts may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

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Term of service: April 25, 2024 to Annual Meeting 2025

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