



The Second Annual Arnold Maeda  
Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant  
Sponsored by  
The Manzanar Committee and The Venice Japanese  
American Memorial Monument Committee



**INFORMATION PACKET**

The Manzanar Committee and the Venice Japanese Memorial Monument Committee (VJAMM) would like to promote and carry on the Legacy of Arnold Maeda by establishing this Grant for college students.

Arnold Maeda was fifteen years old when he and his parents were forcibly removed from their home by Executive Order 9066. They were lined up on the northwest corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Venice Boulevard to be taken as prisoners to one of America's concentration camps at Manzanar.

Maeda would go on to become heavily involved in community organizations, including the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee (VJAMM), where he helped create the monument that stands today at the intersection of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards in Venice, California to memorialize the tragic chapter in American history.

The memorial honors the 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu who assembled on the sidewalk in April 1942 with only what they could carry.

**Arnold Maeda Grant Description**

The Manzanar Committee with the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee will recognize two students who have demonstrated an understanding of the legacy of Arnold Maeda, who was a role model in the Japanese American Community. The Grant Program honors the accomplishments and insights the students have demonstrated in his/her lives. The recipients of the Arnold Maeda Manzanar Pilgrimage Grant will receive a stipend up to \$500 per recipient to pay for their attendance at planning meetings and participation in the Manzanar Pilgrimage weekend of April 29 – May 1, 2022 (lodging, transportation, and food). All applicants will be notified of the judging results by the end of January 2022.

**Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:**

1. To work with the Manzanar Committee to plan, prepare and execute the 2022 Manzanar Pilgrimage which will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2022.
2. Prior to the Pilgrimage, responsibilities are to participate in Manzanar Committee Pilgrimage Orientation and planning meetings.
3. Recipients **MUST** be able to travel to Manzanar the weekend of the Pilgrimage and participate in the Pilgrimage activities (Friday Evening, Saturday, and Sunday).
4. Friday – Attend the Eastern Sierra Museum reception and preparation activities at the motel in the evening, Saturday – Pilgrimage and Manzanar at Dusk, and Sunday - Morning debrief.
5. On the day of the event, responsibilities consist of assisting in preparation and set up on site for the Manzanar Pilgrimage and to perform various duties during the Pilgrimage and Manzanar At Dusk as determined by the Manzanar Committee.
6. Each recipient will be assigned to and supervised by a Manzanar Committee member.

This year's recipients, and their work will be recognized at the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Commemoration on April 21, 2022, at the Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 30, 2022, and the Manzanar Committee's Sue Kunitomi Embrey Student Awards Luncheon (TBD). Their written work may be published on the Manzanar Committee and VJAMM websites, social media accounts, organizational newsletters, Pilgrimage written program and the Awards Luncheon Program. The Manzanar Committee and VJAMM will determine the final winners.

***Deadline for submission: Friday, January 7, 2022.***

### **Focus Areas for Grant Application**

Student written work must focus on three or more of the following areas, describing how they have affected his/her life, and telling what the student has done or is planning to do to change his/her life or community.

- **Who was Arnold Maeda and how was he a role model for the Japanese American community?**
- **How has Arnold Maeda's legacy influenced you?**
- **How will you apply the lessons you have learned from Arnold Maeda to your life today?**
- **Compare and contrast how Arnold lived his life in a U.S. concentration camp with your life today.**
- **How have Collaboration and Service to others affected your life?**
- **How and why would working with the Manzanar Committee Pilgrimage help you better understand Arnold Maeda's life and legacy?**

### **General Grant Criteria**

- 1) The applicant **MUST** be a college student.
- 2) The applicant **MUST** show evidence of how three or more of these focus areas are evident in their life.
- 3) The applicant **MUST** incorporate how their experiences have driven them to make changes in their life or community.
- 4) The applicant **MUST** be willing to intern with the Manzanar Committee to work on the 2022 Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

### **Written (Essays, Short Story, Poetry) Project Criteria**

- 1) This written work should **NOT BE A RESEARCH PAPER** but should show how the events and issues have affected the student, what they have learned and how they have been motivated to make change.
- 2) Print and submit word count verification.
- 3) **MUST CITE** sources using footnotes (citations are not considered part of the word count).
- 4) **MUST** have a bibliography attached with their written work.
- 5) Information about Arnold Maeda's life may be found online and should be cited as a source.

**Format of Written Work:**

- Essays/short stories should be 250-500 words.
- Poetry (word count not applicable)
- Writing should be double spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Font: Times or Times New Roman, 12 point.
- Pages should be numbered.
- Word count of written work should be included at end of project.
- Written work and application may be submitted electronically or sent as a hard copy. Please be sure to note deadlines for submission.
- If submitting hard copy, do not send in a folder/binder.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Applications, deadlines, and further information, including program rules and updates are available on the Manzanar Committee website <https://manzanarcommittee.org>  
Or VJAMM website [www.venicejamm.org](http://www.venicejamm.org)

**For more information or questions, send e-mail to:**

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**Entries and applications may be sent by US Mail or sent electronically**

**SEND ELECTRONIC ENTRIES & APPLICATIONS TO:**

[am-grant@manzanarcommittee.org](mailto:am-grant@manzanarcommittee.org)

**MAIL HARD COPY ENTRIES & APPLICATIONS TO:**

Manzanar Committee  
Attn: Arnold Maeda Grant Program  
856 Oceanside Street  
Wilmington, CA 90744

**Electronic submissions must be received by**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

**Hard copy submissions must be postmarked by**

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