

## **CYS MISSION STATEMENT**

Since it was founded in 1961, the San Jose Japanese Community Youth Service has provided a variety of athletic and other activities for our youth. Through their participation in the organization, generations of young people have learned valuable lessons about teamwork, sportsmanship, and good health. They've been able to develop skills, build self-esteem and meet life-long friends. But more than that, over the years the organization has served the community and united the community. CYS has taught Japanese American youth the value of public service. CYS members participate in Yu-Ai- Kai activities and other events. Each year hundreds of people flock to Japantown to enjoy the CYS Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day, which is one of the primary community events. The organization is committed to continue serving as a resource and as a rallying point for the community. Membership in the organization is open to anyone who has demonstrated a commitment to serving, maintaining, and nurturing the Nikkei community. CYS encourages parents and children to participate in community activities outside of the organization. CYS is a parent-run organization that thrives only because of parents' hard work and dedication. Parental participation is absolutely necessary in every facet of the program, from coaching a team to serving on the CYS board. Parents are required to help in annual activities as part of their membership duties.

## **NEW MEMBER REQUIREMENTS**

***New members are required to submit a membership application.  
The membership committee will screen all new applicants.***

Your family must be able to demonstrate a commitment to serve, maintain, and nurture the Nikkei community, by listing community activities, language ability, academic studies, or interests that meet the mission statement.

Your family must also submit two letters of recommendation by two existing or former CYS families.

# CYS NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDRENS' NAMES

BIRTHDAY

GRADE

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*Any present and/or previous family members in CYS?* \_\_\_\_\_

*RECOMMENDED BY:*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the Nikkei organization(s) you are an active member of:

- Yu-Ai Kai**
- JACL (San Jose, West Valley)**
- San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin**
- Wesley United Methodist Church**

Please list all other Nikkei organizations you are an active member of:  
(Judo, scouts, Japanese school)

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Please list all other organizations you are a member of:

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Please explain what you can contribute to the CYS organization and add to the Nikkei community.

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What are you as a parent looking for in the CYS organization?

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Do you have any special areas of expertise that you may be willing to share or teach?

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Would you be interested in serving on the CYS board or cabinet?

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