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2010 Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship Recipient, Reed A. Shoho

Japanese American Living Legacy is proud to announce the 2010 Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship Recipient, Reed A. Shoho. “This was our second year awarding this scholarship and we’re very proud to administer this award on behalf of the Iwasaki family,” said JA Living Legacy’s CEO, Susan Uyemura. Scholarship committee members: Natalia Yamashiro, Sharon Tani and Barbara Ige comprised the review committee. “Our applicant pool all showed academic achievement, community service and high test scores - so choosing only one recipient was a difficult task,” said Yamashiro.

In 2008, the Iwasaki family of Oregon contacted JA Living Legacy to establish a five year scholarship fund in honor of their parents, Art and his late wife, Teri Iwasaki. The Iwasaki children, Robert, Stephanie, Christie, Paul and Leslie, created the “Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship.” Their father, Art Iwasaki, is a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team’s I Company.

This year’s recipient hails from San Antonio, Texas. Reed Akiyoshi Shoho is a fourth generation Japanese American. He graduated Suma Cum Laude from Churchill High School. Reed was accepted into Rice University and will major in Computer Engineering. Reed's grand uncle is Yasunobu Shoho who served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Second Headquarters Company. All of Reed's grand uncles on his father’s side including his grandfather, Russell K. Shoho, served in the American military.



Reed's interests and scholastic activities include membership in the Underclassmen Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and National Honor Society. He volunteered at the Animal Defense League, and served as a representative of Japanese ancestry at the Huebner Road Elementary School Literacy Night. Reed enjoys basketball and is an avid San Antonio Spurs fan.

The Teri and Art Iwasaki scholarship will again be available in 2011. Application information will be available on the JA Living Legacy website beginning January 2011. Graduating high school students with a relationship to a Nisei World War II veteran are encouraged to apply.

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