

TSCA News

Torrance Sister City Association | January/February 2026



President's Message

By Brad Reynolds

**New Years greetings to all friends of the
Torrance Sister City Association -
Happy 2026!**

My name is Brad Reynolds and I'm excited to serve as the incoming President for 2026. I served on the Board of Directors last year, and my son Aidan Reynolds was a Student Ambassador in 2024. My term has already started off quickly, with much to learn and many TSCA activities happening in the first part of the year.

Alumni Reunion

The Alumni Reunion Luncheon in January was another wonderful gathering of those TSCA associates spanning the many decades of its existence. We welcomed new families as well, when this year's candidates for Student Ambassadors to Kashiwa were introduced to us all. It was also great to see numerous Ambassadors from recent years, as well as a few from many years past.

Thank you to the Alumni Reunion Committee, chaired by Joni Kneller, for making this event as fun and lovely as it was. I wish to offer a personal thanks to Shirley Tanaka and Mayoori Shetti for organizing the potluck dishes and packing up all the leftovers; they have handled these responsibilities for many years.

Selection Committee

Having personally spoken to all of this year's applicants, I can confidently say they are some of the best young people our city has to offer. Student Selection Committee co-chairs Aimee Arreygue and Lori Eurich are overseeing the selection process, with selection decisions announced in early March.

Board of Directors

Join me in welcoming to our Board of Directors for 2026: Greg Nadsady, Eric Freiler, Joni Kneller, and Student reps Kai Long and Isa Freiler. Returning to the Board are Eleanor Hom Jones and Felipe Segovia.

We also gratefully acknowledge the time and efforts of our outgoing Board members, Stephanie Ewing-Warner, Amie Campbell, Brian Diederich, and Mayoori Shetti.

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Our Executive Board welcomes Brad Reynolds as President and Steve Warner as Treasurer. We offer abundant thanks to outgoing President Karen Wheeler and outgoing Treasurer Stephanie Ewing-Warner for their service. For the complete list of all current Board members, see our website.

Bunka-Sai

It's time to get ready for our Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival, happening April 18-19, 2026. This wonderful free event is our way of sharing Japanese food, music, art, and culture with everyone. This cultural sharing is the core purpose of TSCA, to foster connection to our sister city, Kashiwa. Torrance has a deep connection to Japanese American history, and acknowledging/celebrating that connection through Bunka-Sai makes it stronger. As our primary fundraiser, money raised supports the Student Ambassador program.

Bunka-Sai doesn't just happen on its own - it takes a small army of dedicated volunteers and months of planning to make it work. If you would like to help, please join us! You might be surprised at how much fun you have. We need help with serving food, welcoming visitors, assisting performers/vendors, sales, getting silent auction donations, and even pre-event publicity. To volunteer, contact us at: bunkasaivolunteer@gmail.com.

The next Bunka-Sai planning meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7 pm in the West Annex. Please come to share ideas and decide how to help. We look forward to seeing you. Your continued interest and support are greatly appreciated!

Torrance Sister City Association

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Brad Reynolds

VICE PRESIDENT

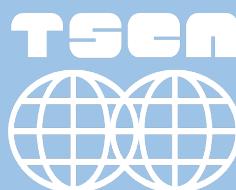
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monthly Association Meeting

7:00 PM, City Hall West Annex

Feb. 17, 2026

Mar. 17, 2026

Bunka-Sai Planning Meeting

7:00 PM, City Hall West Annex

Feb. 24, 2026

Mar. 24, 2026

MEMBERSHIPS & DONATIONS LIST

Compiled by Alyssa Yamauchi, Membership Chair



The list below includes all 2026 memberships that were received by Jan. 26
via USPS mail, and all PayPal payments through Feb 10.

11 - LIFE (\$2,000+)

Cambra, May Ikeda
Chan Family, Kenneth
Doyle, Marlene Cambra
Fichtner, Dan and Ray Rand
Ihde/Dunlap Family
Jordan, Leah Ray
Kaji & Associates
Oriental Motor USA
Roulette Family, Ray and Gail
Torrance Refining Company, LLC
Tsujii/Ihde Family

9 - BENEFACTOR (\$125+)

Bauer, Craig
Cababa, Ed and Kerry
Furey, Pat and Terry
Sakado, Vickie and Garrick
Shiosaki, Ed and Joan
Taniguchi, Hazel
Trattner, Glenn and Melanie
Warner, Steve and Stephanie Ewing-Warner
Yamauchi, Bryce and Cheryl

6 - SUPPORTING (\$75+)

Margeson, Brian and Jaime
Miles, Frank and Marilyn
Ozawa, Noriko and Michael
Seraydarian Family, Mark
South Bay Judo
Villarie, Jack and Yoshie

54 - FAMILY (\$40)

Ablett Family, Malina
Corrales Family, Izabella
Dai Family, Erin
Diederich, Brian and Deanna
Eurich, Lori and Dane
Flynn, Janet and John
Gerson, Jeremy, Jennifer, Aurora and William

Gifford Family, Rose
Gil Family, Janet Kawaguchi
Gray, Bob, Summer and Jeremy
Hargrove, Eunice and Linda
Heidebrecht, Bill and Kathy
Hofer, Gary and Fusae
Inouye Family, Craig
Ito, John, Wendy, and Alex
Jerez Family, Eric
Jones, Brad and Eleanor
Kalani Family, Sharon
Kamimura Family, Jaxon
Kelley, Tim and Jennifer
King, Dennis and Patricia
Kisiler, Mark and Jennifer
Kneller Family, Joni
Lam Family, Riley
Lee Family, Jacquie
Lee, Wei-Ti Chen and Leon
Lin Family, James
Lobo, Kevin, Pindi, Ann, and Rachel
Maroney, Mark and Jill
Mealins Family, Kathy
Medlock, Matthew, Thomas and Kathleen
Nakano, Helen and George
Namimoto, Jim and Mariko
Ortega, Esteban, Maureen, and Grayson
Peitzman, Fred and Ann
Penland, Thomas, Olivia and Ginger
Radomski Family, James
Rapoport Family, Eve
Reeve, Ron and Susan
Reyes-Castro Family, Karen "Sofia"
Reynolds, Brad and Elisa
Roulette, Mark and Peggy
Rubin, Sherwin and Marilyn
Sargent, Dave and Toni
Scotto, Frank and Cindy
Suyeyoshi Family, Elaine
Takikawa, Hisataka and Hirofumi
Tanaka, Keith and Shirley
Uchima Family, Ray

Ujimori, Harvey and Kay
Welsch, Bryan and Tanya
Wheeler, Karen and Robert
Wilson, Charles and Akemi
Yorizane, Eddie and Eileen

20 - INDIVIDUAL (\$20)

Ando, Frances
Ando, Jennifer
Ashcraft, Heidi
Cable, Lynn
Chen, George
Dunham, Andrea Henson
Griffith, Kay
Griffiths, Mike
Grundhaus, Kay
Jerez, Nicholas
Little, Vera
Matarrese, John
Mcintyre, Hugh
Pollinger, Lisa
Sakamoto, May
Southern California Kendo Federation
Wand, Suzie
Yamauchi, Alyssa
Yamauchi, Blaine
Yamauchi, Patsy

DONATIONS

\$200 South Bay Judo
\$100 Scotto, Frank and Cindy
\$75 Shiosaki, Ed and Joan
\$60 Lee, Leon and Wei-Ti Chen
\$25 Cababa, Ed and Kerry
\$25 Miles, Frank and Marilyn
\$20 Ando, Jennifer
\$10 Griffith, Kay
\$10 Heidebrecht, Bill and Kathy
\$10 Little, Vera
\$10 Reeve, Ron and Susan
\$10 Sargent, Dave and Toni



Torrance Sister City Association

Dear Friends of TSCA,

This past year has been another successful one for our TSCA programs. We are back to operating at 100% capacity, making for a very full and fun calendar year with new friendships and core memories made! The support and participation in our events and programs have truly been heartwarming, and we are proud of our positive impact on the Torrance community.

We couldn't be more thankful for your continued support through your membership dues and donation contributions—especially over the last few years as we rebuilt our programs. Your contributions continue to help offset increasing annual operational costs, allowing our fundraising efforts to focus on continuing our mission of promoting friendship, goodwill, and understanding through people-to-people connections.

Thank you for being a part of our 50-year story. As friends of TSCA and alums of our programs, your role has been integral. We hope that TSCA has played an important part in your story as well, and we look forward to your continued support and consideration.

Best regards,
Alyssa Yamauchi
TSCA Membership Chair

Our 2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE has begun!

There are several membership levels available,
and two convenient payment options:



Pay by MAIL:
Complete the form below,
and mail with your check.



Pay ONLINE:
Check out with **PayPal**
Scan the QR code
or visit
www.torrancesistercity.org



Postmark deadline to be included in the printed TSCA Membership Directory is **02/19/26**.

----- Cut and return the below with your check payment. -----

2026 TSCA Membership Application Form

Mail your check and this form to: Torrance Sister City Association, c/o Community Services Dept, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503



**TORRANCE
SISTER CITY
ASSOCIATION**

3031 Torrance Boulevard • Torrance, California 90503

Except for the Lifetime Membership* all dues are in effect from January 1 to December 31.

\$20 Individual \$40 Family \$75+ Supporting \$125+ Benefactor
 \$200+ Corporate \$2,000+ Lifetime Membership*

Donation to TSCA (in addition to annual dues): \$ _____

I am Interested in TSCA activities, specifically: _____
 For the TSCA Directory, only include my: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: TSCA

Member Information

Please complete your contact information directly below and to the right.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Additional Contact Info

**TSCA Newsletters are sent to all members via email.

Email**: _____

Phone: _____

If you have questions about membership, please send an email to: tscamembership@gmail.com

2026 Adult Leader—Tanya Welsch

Tanya Welsch is honored to serve as this year's TSCA Adult Leader. Her connection to TSCA began in 2024, when her son, Colin, served as a student ambassador. Her family embraces diversity and the opportunity to learn from and celebrate cultures beyond their own, and are committed to supporting TSCA's mission. Her husband, Bryan, serves on the TSCA board, and Colin remains connected to the many friends and families he met through the program.

Outside of TSCA, she is actively involved in a local competitive outrigger canoe club, serving as both Secretary and Canoe Storage Manager since 2012. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, listening to music of all genres, and spending time with her dog.

Professionally, she has worked at Skechers USA in wholesale visual merchandising, and also held roles within the company in international marketing and events. Prior to Skechers, she spent over a decade in the music industry, working in product management and marketing at several major record labels.

She looks forward to leading and supporting this year's student delegation in furthering the mission of TSCA. After thoughtful reflection on the responsibilities of this role and the significance of this moment in our country's history, she hopes this year's delegation will leave a lasting and positive impression, exemplifying respect, kindness, and a true spirit of cooperation.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Aidan Reynolds, 2024 TSCA Delegate, earned his Eagle Scout Rank on January 8th, 2026. His Eagle Project was to clean out, reorganize, and illuminate the TSCA storage unit. He repackaged the doll set in sturdy plastic bins, which will protect them during transit to Bunka Sai and allow them to be stored more compactly. He also added portable lighting to the storage unit, which has already helped when looking for things. This project occurred on June 29th, 2025 with the help of over a dozen other Scouts and many TSCA members. The result has received numerous compliments from those that interact with that space. TSCA congratulates Aidan and wishes him well as he continues his education at the Colorado School of Mines.

BEFORE



AFTER



Alumni Potluck Reunion Recap

By: Isa Freiler and Kai Long (2025 Student Ambassadors)

On January 10th, 2026, the Torrance Sister City Association came together and hosted the 53rd Alumni Potluck Reunion. The George Nakano Theater echoed with laughter, friendly smiles, and anticipation. Joined by 16 hopeful applicants, their families, and plenty of familiar faces, Ms. Karen Wheeler began by giving a heartfelt welcome and highlighting the dedication of the volunteers who took time and care to make this Reunion one to remember.

Following Ms. Wheeler's introduction, Mayor George Chen was invited to the podium, congratulating TSCA on over half a century of goodwill, friendship, and history. He then shared his own insight and perspective on the importance of the Torrance Sister City Association. After Mr. Chen's address, lunch commenced, tables were called, and the festivities began.



Pictured left to right: **Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk; Brad Reynolds, President; Alyssa Yamauchi, Vice President; Aimee Arreygue, Secretary; and Steve Warner, Treasurer**

After lunch, the 2026 officers were officially installed by Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk. The new executive board is Brad Reynolds, President, Alyssa Yamauchi, Vice President, Aimee Arreygue, Secretary; and Steve Warner, Treasurer.

City Council member Jon Kaji then gave tributes to the association and recognized two officers, President, Karen Wheeler; and Treasurer, Stephanie Ewing-Warner, who served on the executive board for two years. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the Torrance Sister City Association. We are grateful for your contributions.

This year was also the introduction of the Kansha Award, given to an organization or individual with a long-time commitment and contributions to the Torrance Sister City Association. In Japanese, "Kansha" means deep appreciation. This year's Kansha Award was presented by former TSCA President Werner Willoughby and his wife, Aileen, to Ed and Joan Shiosaki of South Bay Judo in recognition of their support for over two decades. Keep an eye out for their judo demonstrations and popular shave ice stand at Bunka-Sai.

Clay Bakhoun, 2025 Adult Leader, presented this year's Adult Leader, Tanya Welsch. Following her introduction, the student ambassador applicants were presented by Aimee Arreygue. The student applicants introduced themselves, their family, and shared their favorite Japanese food.



Pictured left to right: **Werner Willoughby, Joan Shiosaki and Ed Shiosaki of South Bay Judo, Aileen Willoughby**

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A video presentation of the 2025 Delegation's trip to Kashiwa, created by Clay Bakhoum, concluded the ceremony. The video highlighted both serious and fun moments. The festivities wrapped up with everyone joining in to dance the Kashiwa Odori. As things came to a close, and guests began to disperse, students lingered for one final chat. While for some members, this may be a familiar process with familiar faces, it is surely going to be an exciting, new, and bright path ahead for these outstanding young applicants.



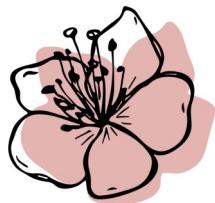
Left picture: 2024 Student Ambassadors

Right picture: Clay Bakhoum, 2025 Adult Leader (left); and 2025 Student Ambassadors

May Cambra Dedication Plaque



May Cambra, a past president of TSCA, passed away in February 2025. A Celebration of Life was held in her honor at JCI (Japanese Cultural Institute) in June 2025, sponsored by May's friend Shirley Okazaki. The donations received at that event from TSCA and JCI friends were used to purchase the plaque in May's honor and placed in front of a cherry blossom tree in the TSCA grove near the Nakano Theater, with the help of City Liaison, Monica Harte. No TSCA funds were used. May loved cherry blossoms.



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These Solid Bonds Won't Break

By Chris Pigao (Assistant Language Teacher at Kashiwa Municipal High School (Ichikashi))

First off, I would be remiss not starting off by wishing all of the TSCA newsletter readers a Happy New Year! I hope our 2026 is filled with new opportunities, personal growth, and of course, making amazing memories that will be remembered for lifetimes.



October 2024 ~ Myself (left), Robbie, Tamaoki, Alex, & Naga-Sensei, before heading to the airport.

I, of course, put heavy emphasis on the word “remembered” because it just so happens that plans for our upcoming exchanges are starting up again. In particular, Kashiwa Municipal High School is looking at two of our sister schools visiting again within this calendar year - North High School (being our annual exchange that happens in May) and Shenton College, located in Camden Perth, Australia. Our school cycles through these exchanges bi-yearly, having Shenton College and Chengde Junior High School switching years. It’s exciting that as a member of the international committee, we not only get to share the experience with fellow Torrance students & residents, but with members of Kashiwa’s shared sister cities as well.

I had first met the members of the Shenton College international committee in the Fall of 2024. Spearheaded by longtime Japanese teacher Robert “Robbie” Poole, the students who experience the homestay exchange were provided with the same level of hospitality and dedication as they would any visitor coming to Kashiwa. During that exchange, it was a learning experience seeing how we spoke the same language while using unique colloquial terms and vastly different slang. “Good morning” was replaced with

“G’day” and how our teacher events were held in the “arvo,” in which I asked politely “What does that mean?” (arvo = afternoon). As their eventful week came to a close, I was also sad that it would be the last time I would get to see Robbie-Sensei. We said our goodbyes with him giving me these parting words, “Remember, make your time in Japan memorable” as he boarded the bus headed toward Narita.

As 2026 started, I received a message from Robbie-Sensei. He was in Japan on holiday with his family and wanted to surprise the staff members with a quick visit. We constructed a plan to surprise the staff members on our less busy day of the week, and successfully executed our scheme. Robbie greeted all of us with a big hug, an infectious smile, and overall positive energy that lightened our staff members for the rest of the day. I was overcome with that same cathartic feeling of when we first met, serving as a reminder that goodbyes are not definite. Albeit that it was a short period we met on that day, it felt as if time had not passed since Shenton College’s visit in 2024. I remembered what it is like to have such a strong and unique bond with the same kindred spirits, solidifying and reinforcing our friendship.

I heard this best from one of the former chaperones from Shenton College, Alex-Sensei. He had stated “Kashiwa is the linchpin of cities,” leaving a profound impact on the way I look at Kashiwa. Regardless of our language, distance, or culture, Kashiwa is where we all intersect—giving us a place to forge our solid bonds with the citizens of the world at large.



January 2026 ~ Yuusuke Saito, Robbie, Tamaoki Sensei, and I (right) reunited after getting Ramen Jiiro.



Teach English in Kashiwa, Japan

The Torrance Sister City Association seeks qualified applicants for one high school English teacher in Kashiwa, Japan, the Sister City of Torrance. A minimum one-year contract runs from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027. The contract is renewable for a maximum three-year assignment.

Duties: Conduct and assist in a variety of English conversation classes; assist with coordinating campus visits by parents, administrators, and junior high students; and assist with extracurricular activities, which may include judging and assisting with speech contests, serving as adviser to the English Conversation Club and business trips, and coaching students for college interviews. Volunteer work with KIRA (Kashiwa International Relations Association) and other city groups may also be required.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Live or work in Torrance
- Be fluent in written and spoken English
- Hold a Bachelor's degree plus a teaching credential or have demonstrated teaching experience
- Possess a keen interest in the Japanese language and culture
- Represent the Torrance Sister City Association and foster the goals and objectives of the English Teacher Exchange Program.

Compensation

- Annual salary of approximately 4,800,000 Japanese yen
- One-way airfare from Los Angeles to Japan
- National health insurance (deducted from monthly salary)
- Subsidized housing and transportation allowance
- Paid Japanese holidays and personal days

To Apply

Please email your resume and cover letter to Lori Chong Eurich (Chair, English Teacher Selection Committee) at torrancesistercityinfo@gmail.com

Also, two recent letters of recommendation from people not related to the applicant must be emailed directly to the Chair.

Deadline to apply is
March 20, 2026

Qualified applicants will be scheduled for panel interviews in mid-April 2026.

Questions? Send an email to torrancesistercityinfo@gmail.com

STUDENT TRIP REPORT

Summarized by Gail Roulette

When our seven Student Ambassadors and Adult Leader went to Japan last July, each one picked a topic of Japanese life to research, experience, and then write a report about their findings. I have been given the task of condensing their reports for the next few newsletter issues.

Student Ambassador, Nathan Kneller: The Beauty of Rural vs. Urban Landscapes in Japan

Photography played a major role in Nathan's topic, and he had many chances to use it. While he expected the urban and rural to be separate, he was most surprised at how the two sides connected with each other. In the busy and bright cities, in between the crowds and tall buildings, he found peaceful spaces like small shrines and quiet gardens.



Such was true in urban Kyoto and Hiroshima: Kyoto, with wide streets and shopping districts next to traditional wooden tea houses and historic temples; Hiroshima with tall buildings and modern transit system alongside the famous Hiroshima Peace Memorial and museum reminding of the city's tragic history.



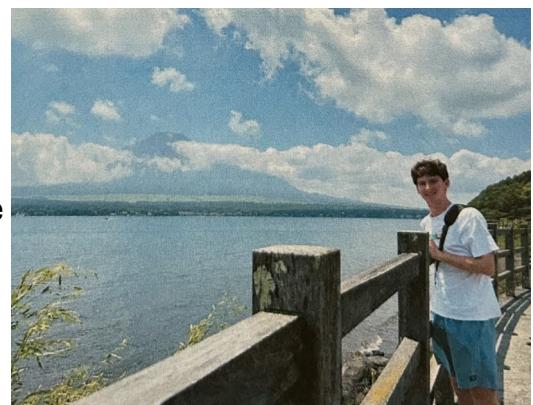
Nasu was a good example of rural landscape, with "beautiful forests, clear rivers, and wide fields of grass stretching as far as I could see...and not many homes in sight." Nathan got a good understanding how deeply nature shapes rural Japanese life.

Nathan's life-long dream of seeing Mount Fuji was ful-



filled when his first host family took him to several vantage points to view the mountain. Even through the clouds the mountain had a "mysterious presence that only made it more powerful in my eyes."

So both sides of Japan are equally important, and Nathan used his photography to record small details as well as larger landscapes. In conclusion, Nathan learned "how culture, tradition, and modern life exist side by side...and each hold their own kind of beauty and meaning."



51st Annual Bunka-Sai

Japanese Cultural Festival

Saturday & Sunday
April 18 and 19, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ken Miller Recreation Center
3341 Torrance Boulevard (At Madrona Avenue)



Enjoy tasty plate lunches, sweets, arts and craft items, cultural performances, dance, music, martial arts, kids' games, demonstrations



Presented by
The Torrance Sister City Association
TorranceSisterCity.org

Proceeds to benefit the student cultural exchange program

*Please leave your pets at home, authorized service animals are exempt.

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TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503

October 2025

Dear Friends of Torrance Sister City Association,

The Torrance Sister City Association (TSCA) will hold its **51st Annual Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center on Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th, 2026**. All proceeds from the festival support TSCA's annual Student Cultural Exchange Program with Torrance's Sister City, Kashiwa, Japan.

Each year in July, Torrance sends eight high school students and an adult leader to Kashiwa and Kashiwa sends a similar group to Torrance in August. Both groups live with host families for several weeks, visit historical and cultural landmarks and meet with key business and government officials in each city. These student ambassadors gain invaluable experiences that enhance their knowledge and understanding of each other's culture and form many life-long friendships.

TSCA is asking for donations that will be used for drawings and/or the silent auction held during the festival. Can you please donate an item? Contributions received by March 1st are acknowledged in the program book, which is distributed to thousands of festival attendees.

The Torrance Sister City Association is a nonprofit organization sponsored by the City of Torrance and all donations to TSCA are tax deductible. **Our tax identification numbers are: Federal #:95-3079582, State #:7874400.** If you have any questions or need more information please contact TSCA member Alina Nadsady at tsca.auction@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting TSCA's Student Cultural Exchange Program! A receipt for your donation appears below for your records.

In appreciation,

Karen Wheeler
TSCA President
www.torrancesistercity.org

*****Receipt for your records*****

Received from _____

Item(s) _____ Value: _____

TSCA Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Torrance Sister City Association

**2026 Bunka Sai Japanese Cultural Festival
Donation Tracking Form**

Please complete and attach to your donation by March 1, 2026

Name or company making donation:

Contact person for donation (if different from above):

Phone Number of Contact Person:

Email of Contact Person:

Estimated value of gift:

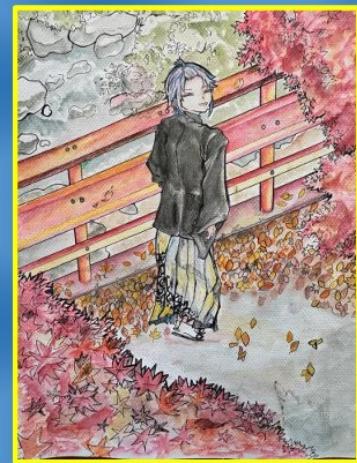
Description of Item(s) donated:

Please list any conditions, restrictions, or expiration dates that may apply. If you are donating a gift certificate, we kindly ask that the expiration date be one year from our event (event is April 18-19, 2026):



Torrance Sister City Association's
**10th Annual
ANIME ART
CONTEST 2026!**

BUNKA-SAI
JAPANESE CULTURAL
FESTIVAL!
April 18-19



2025 Winners (from left): Angelina S, Mayo N, May U, and Azusa M

DIVISIONS

Middle School & High School

CATEGORIES

Hand Drawn & Digital Art

Separate prizes for middle
& high school by category
Winner \$30 | Runner Up \$20

All participants receive certificates

RULES

- Entries must be on 8½" x 11" paper
- Format: Portrait (vertical) or Landscape (horizontal)
- Entries may be in Color or Black & White
- Only one entry per person
- No violent or dark themes, such as death and funerals
- Entries must include a Release Form signed by the artist and parent/guardian (if a minor)

Entries must be submitted IN PERSON on Friday, APRIL 17, 2026, 4pm – 6pm

Ken Miller Recreation Center (3341 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503)

Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 18, at 12:15 pm

Forms and more info at www.torrancesistercity.org



**Torrance Sister City Association
2026 Anime Art Contest Rules**

1. Maximum of 1 entry per person. Hand Drawn or Digital Art is acceptable.
2. Entries must be on $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ " paper, either Portrait (vertical) or Landscape (horizontal) format.
3. Entries may be in Color or Black and White.
4. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: **Design & Composition, Technique, Originality, Viewer Impact**
5. *Artwork should not contain dark, violent, or gruesome themes, such as death and funerals.*
6. We are unable to accept entries containing images of **copyrighted** characters, such as Totoro, etc.
7. Back of artwork must include: artist's name, grade, school, student email, and parent cell phone number (if student under 18). No names on the front of artwork.
8. Entries will only be accepted in person on Friday, **April 17**, from **4pm - 6pm** at the Ken Miller Recreation Center (3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503).
9. Entries must have a signed Statement of Authenticity and Photo Release signed by the artist, and parent or guardian if student is a minor.
10. Entries will be submitted in a plastic sheet protector with the **Release form behind the artwork**.
11. Winners will be announced on Saturday, **April 18**, at 12:15 pm on the Ken Miller Auditorium Stage. Winners do not need to be present.
12. Winning entries will be featured in the TSCA newsletter as well as displayed on the website and other promotional communications.
13. TSCA will retain the rights to any entries, and will scan copies of them before returning to the artist.
14. Entries must be picked up on Sunday, April 19, at 5pm. Unclaimed artwork becomes the property of TSCA.

Thank you for participating in the Anime Drawing contest and supporting the Torrance Sister City Association's Bunka-Sai festival. Questions? Please feel free to contact torrancesistercityinfo@gmail.com

Statement of Authenticity and Release Form

I _____ am the **original** artist of the artwork submitted.
Print entrant/artist name

My artwork is (check one) Hand Drawn Digital Art My artwork is not copied from any other artist.

School I attend: _____

Entrant (Signature) _____ Date _____

PARENT RELEASE

My child (print name) _____ is allowed to be photographed along with his/her/their drawing and included in the TSCA Newsletter and on its website and other promotional communications.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Print name _____ Signature _____

Cell Phone _____ Date _____

TSCA Representative _____ Date _____
Signature _____

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