

Pacific Northwest Budo Association 2011 Grant and Scholarship Awards

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The PNBA Board of Directors has approved several grants and awards for Japan-related martial and cultural arts organizations in 2011. Awards typically range \$250 - \$1,000, and support events, programs, and activities in keeping with the PNBA's mission to promote appreciation for Japanese martial and cultural arts in the Northwest.

The PNBA joined 79 other Japan-related organizations throughout the Northwest to create **SeattleJapanRelief** following the March 11 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. In addition to \$300.00 immediately approved from PNBA general funds, our membership has donated an additional \$5,400.00 to Peacewinds America and the American Red Cross to aid recovery efforts in Japan. Contact: <http://www.SeattleJapanRelief.org>.

Urasenke Foundation Seattle Branch was awarded \$250.00 in support of their long-running Chado program at the University of Washington. The program offers UW students the opportunity to experience Chado tea culture and the artistic inspiration and spiritual reflection that enriches the lives of individuals and enhances the general culture through the medium of powdered green tea. Transmitted since the 17th century by Urasenke Konnichian of Kyoto, Japan, Chado seeks to refresh the spirit by mindfully offering and receiving tea in a setting that unifies the teahouse and garden, calligraphy and flowers, ceramics and lacquer ware, incense and cuisine. The Seattle Branch was established in 1981 to engage the broader community in the appreciation and study of Chado. Contact: <http://www.urasenkeseattle.org/>.

AiShinKai, LLC, a martial arts and cultural arts organization in Edmonds, Washington, was awarded \$1,300.00 to assist with instructor grading and travel, and the impact of currency devaluation related to the strength of the Japanese yen. AiShinKai maintains a beautiful, traditional dojo in Edmonds where they offer instruction in Iaido Japanese Swordsmanship, Aikido, Aiki-ken, Aiki-jo, Kyudo, Shodo, Ikebana, and Bonsai. Contact: <http://www.aishinkai.com>.

Old Village Pub in Lynnwood, Washington was awarded a special Certificate of Appreciation from the PNBA Board of Directors, recognizing the generosity of the establishment and its patrons in donating more than \$300.00 for Japan Disaster Relief following the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. The Board recognized and commended their civic spirit, compassion, and generosity. Contact: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Village-Pub/111882379353>

Other combined awards in 2011: **Japan-America Society of the State of Washington** (<http://www.jassw.org/>) - \$250.00; **Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association** (<http://www.seattlekobe.org/>) - \$485.00; **Alliance** (<http://www.usnmat.net/>) - \$100.00; **Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation** (<http://www.pnkf.org/>) PNKF Iaido Shinpan Seminar and Iaido Taikai - \$600.00; **Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council** (<http://shorelinearts.net/>) Shoreline Arts Festival - \$800.00; **Hyogo Business and Cultural Center** (<http://www.hyogobcc.org/>) – Japanese Language Speech and Skit Contest and Kodomo no Hi celebration- \$300.00.

The next round of grants and awards is scheduled for April 2012. To be eligible for consideration, letters of interest from PNBA members and member organizations should be postmarked no later than February 25.