



Operation Recognition

Attention Veterans and Japanese-American Citizens

Did you miss graduating from high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or internment in a World War II relocation camp?

If so, you may be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Operation Recognition, a Riverside County Office of Education program, provides diplomas to those in our community whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime circumstances.

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Served in the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War with honorable discharge; or,
- Interned in a Japanese-American relocation camp during World War II; and
- Currently reside in Riverside County.

In addition, if you have a qualifying family member who is now deceased, a person representing the family may apply for posthumous recognition.

There is no charge to participate in Operation Recognition.



Application can be found at:
www.rcoe.us/operation-recognition

For additional information, please contact:

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Operation Recognition APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY AND ZIP CODE _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

HIGHEST RANK OR RATING HELD _____

Please check appropriate box(es):

☐ WWII Veteran

☐ Korean War Veteran

☐ Vietnam War Veteran

☐ Japanese-American Citizen

Dates served in the U.S. Armed Forces:

☐ December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

☐ June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955

☐ August 5, 1964* – May 7, 1975

**or February 28, 1961 for veterans who served in country before August 5, 1964*

When did you attend high school?

☐ 1937-1940

☐ 1946-1950

☐ Other (list dates): _____

Name of high school enrolled in prior to military service: _____

City and state of high school: _____ Highest grade completed: _____

Have received a GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have received a high school diploma? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you interned in a relocation camp during the period of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946?

☐ Yes*

☐ No

*If yes, name and location of camp: _____

Name of high school enrolled in prior to internment: _____

City and state of high school: _____

Is this diploma being awarded posthumously?

☐ Yes*

☐ No

*If yes, date and place of death: _____

Veterans – Please submit the following with completed application form:

Verification of military service and discharge papers (copy of DD214). For assistance in obtaining a copy of the necessary documentation, please contact Riverside County Veterans' Services, (800) 481-2101 or (951) 955-3060.

Japanese-American Citizens – Please submit the following with completed application form:

Evidence of internment in a relocation camp during the period specified.

Name of person applying for this award if other than the Veteran or Japanese-American Citizen to be recognized:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

What is the best way to contact the honoree, if needed?

☐ Email

☐ Phone

☐ Text

☐ Please do not contact the honoree directly

(If selecting "Do not contact," we will reach out to the nominator if follow-up is needed.)

Return completed form to:

Yadira Chavelas, Administrator

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