



United States Judo Federation
*Tamo Kitaura Referee Development
Grant*

July 2, 2016

Mr. Gordon Nelson,

The USJF Tamo Kitaura Referee Development Grant Committee is very proud in selecting you as the recipient of this grant for 2016. You join the prestigious company of the previous recipients of this award.

Tamo Kitaura Sensei has devoted over 50 years to the sport of Judo as a competitor, instructor, coach, manager and referee. Throughout his distinguished career, Kitaura Sensei has been instrumental in developing and mentoring students and has been an active contributor to numerous organizations which support such activities, including the Central Coast Judo Association and the United States Judo Federation. In honor of Kitaura Sensei's lifelong dedication to and distinguished service in support of Judo throughout the United States, the Central Coast Judo Association and the United States Judo Federation has established the USJF Tamo Kitaura Referee Grant.

The Grant has been established to provide financial assistance in support of the development and growth of USJF referees. The Grant is specifically aimed at USJF referees who have exhibited a high level of technical proficiency, and have been identified as candidates for further testing and certification. The proceeds from the Grant go towards helping defray some of the costs of travel and other expenses associated with a referee's attendance at the PJC testing site. This Grant has also been established as a tool to encourage, support and increase new referee participation.

Congratulations on an excellent job at the 2015 Referee Examination held at the Quebec Open in Montreal Quebec Canada on November 1, 2015. We wish you continued success in your referee career.

Sincerely,

Vaughn T Imada
Vice President, United States Judo Federation

cc: Kevin Asano, Joon Chi
Committee Members: Robert Fukuda, Keith Hayashi, Dan Kikuchi, Cal Kitaura, Rose Knudsen



Recipients of the Kitaura Grant

2003

Mr. Don Flagg

2004

Mr. Dean Markovics and Mr. Mark Yamanaka

2005

Mr. Nick Goodly and Ms Joan Miller

2006

Mr. Dan Isreal, Ms Miki Takemori and Mr. Harold Yamada

2007

Mr. Glenn Koyama and Ms Sharon Landstreet

2008

Mr. Billy Martin, Mr. Karl Tamai, Ms Julia VanHelde, Mr. Walter VanHelde and Mr. James Webb

2010

Mr. Devin Cohen, Mr. Robert Gugino, Mr. David A. Williams and Mr. Alain Wilkinson

2011

Mr. Ms Melinda Buehman, Mr. Neil Simon and Mr. Ralph Palmer

2012

Mr. David Allen, Mr. Sheldon Konno and Mr. Ryan Shimokawa

2013

Mr. Robert Donaldson and Mr. Scott Galles

2015

Mr. Daniel Lee and Mr. Brian Toth

2016

Mr. Gordon Nelson