# Scholarship Information

Scholarship	Kokudo Scholarship Foundation
	Information for FY2024 Scholarship Applicants
Eligibility	As of April 2024,  Students who come to Japan for studies or research: are of upstanding character and in good academic standing; are in good health: and are recognized as having financial difficulties with payment of tuition.  Potential recipients are those from countries outside of Japan who matriculated as regular students (either undergraduate or graduate) as of April 2024, regardless of academic department or field of study. Those who can attend an interview or Web interview in Tokyo (scheduled for the early of June). We ask that an academic transcript and either a certification of enrolment or a graduation diploma be presented at the end of each academic year. Recipients will be asked to join assemblies organized by our foundation
Amount	100,000JPY/month
Duration	From the year of payment to the end of the final year of the course of study
Number of Nominees	1 in Japan (1 from Mie University)
Deadline	April 15,2024 (Deadlines are non-negotiable)
Contact and how to apply	International Relations Office, Mie University Please submit application documents in Excel files to the office by E-mail : ryugaku@ab.mie-u.ac.jp Phone : 059-231-9057
Result	<ul> <li>Only those who have passed the on-campus selection will be notified by email by April-June.</li> <li>After participating in an interview in Tokyo, the final results will be notified to the university in June.</li> </ul>
Multiple Scholarship	Allowed
Notes	Read the application guideline and "Tips on Appling for Scholarship" <u>carefully in advance.</u>

# Kokudo Scholarship Foundation - Information for FY2024 Scholarship Applicants (For Exchange Students)

Revised Mar. 1, 2024 1-9-22Shoto, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo Kokudo Scholarship Foundation

The deadline to

CIER is April 15!

# **<u>1.</u>** Outline of Scholarship System

#### 1. Payment of Scholarship

- 1. Amount Provided: ¥100,000 per month (This scholarship is paid to the recipient and does not need to be reimbursed to the foundation at a later date.)
- 2. Paid to recipient on the last day of each month (If the last day of the month coincides with a bank holiday, then payment will be provided on the day prior.)
- 3. Date Scheduled for Payment to Begin: Last day of June, 2024. (Payment for the four months of April, May and June will be paid together on the final day of June.)
- 2. Term of Scholarship: From the first year of payment until the end of the final academic year of enrolment.
- 3. Number of Recipients: 1(planned)

#### 2. Requirements for Application

- 1. Students who come to Japan for studies or research; are of upstanding character and in good academic standing; are in good health; and are recognized as having financial difficulties with payment of tuition.
- 2. Potential recipients are those from countries outside of Japan who matriculated as regular students (either undergraduate or graduate) as of April 2024, regardless of academic department or field of study.
- 3. Those who can attend an interview or Web interview in Tokyo (scheduled for the early of June).
- 4. We ask that an academic transcript and either a certification of enrolment or a graduation diploma be presented at the end of each academic year.
- 5. Recipients will be asked to join assemblies organized by our foundation.

# 3. How to Apply

- 1. Required Documents
  - 1. Written scholarship application form and income survey (Using our foundation's set format. Photograph required.)
  - 2. Letter of recommendation from either the student's current principal or from an advising teacher/ professor.
  - 3. Certificate of enrolment.
  - 4. Academic transcript. (For students who are unable to provide his or her most recent transcript, submission is not necessary.)
  - 5. Health certificate.
  - 6. Copy of residence card.
- 2. Application Period
  - April 1, 2024 (Mon.) through May 13, 2024 (Mon.)

#### 4. Application Review Process

Applicants who pass the first screening (review of submitted documents) will be decided upon after an interview to be held at a later date. The schedule for the interview screenings will be carried out as follows:

May 13, 2024(Mon.)Deadline for submission of scholarship applicationsMay 22, 2024 (Wed.)First screening results made available to each universityMay 28, 2024(Tues.), May 29, 2024 (Wed.), May30,Interviews held2024 (Thur.), May 31, 2024(Fri.), June 3, 2024(Mon.)Final results of application announced, necessary documents<br/>for scholarship recipients sent out to each universityJune 28, 2024 (Fri.)Payment of scholarship commences

- \* Interviews are planned to be held at the Kokudo Scholarship Foundation office (1-9-22Shoto, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo).
- \* Dates and times for interviews are planned to be provided to representatives at each university during the announcement of first document screening results on May 22,2024.
- \* The final results and necessary paperwork for receiving the scholarship will be mailed to the appropriate department of each university. Contact with the recipient will then be established either through the university or directly with the student, whereupon scholarship payment will commence upon submission of all necessary documents.
- \* Documents submitted will be used only for selection and, in the event of acceptance, scholarship payment to successful students. Furthermore, all documents of those who are not awarded scholarships will be destroyed.

# Tips on Applying for Scholarship

# 1. Before applying

- Read the application guidelines carefully to determine whether you meet the requirements or not. Be sure to take
  note of any obligations for scholarship recipients in addition to application requirements and details of the award.
   (E.g. mandatory attendance at conferral ceremonies and exchange events, submission of periodic assignments to
  the scholarship organization, etc.)
- -Make sure you have all the required documents on hand. In particular, many students forget to submit academic transcripts from their previous curricula.
- -Screening methods vary depending on the organization. If there is an interview, note the travel expenses, location, date/time etc., and be sure you will be able to attend.

## 2. Application documents

- -Even if you are applying to extend a current scholarship, do not use the previous content as it is, but prepare an application with new content.
- -Do not use erasable pen (e.g. Frixion); always fill out application forms with a black ballpoint pen. (Application documents written with an erasable pen cannot be submitted to the scholarship organization.)
- -During screening process, your impression is greatly influenced by your application documents. Fill out all forms neatly so that evaluators can read them easily.
- -If you make mistake, do not use correction tape/fluid or cross out the mistakes. Rewrite on a new paper instead.
- -Do not abbreviate the name of your undergraduate/graduate school; enter the full name.
- -Be sure to read and follow all notes and instructions on filling out the forms.
- -As a matter of courtesy, fill in at least 70-80% of the space provided (or the number of words specified) for each short-answer/essay question.
- -After you have finished, double check your application to make sure that no items are blank. Enter answers even for items not applicable to you, e.g. "None" (or "0" for amounts) etc.
- -When you type in forms, make sure that all characters are fit in frames.

## 3. Others

- -If you have any questions about the application requirements or how to fill out the forms, please inquire with International Relations Office. Do not try to individually contact the scholarship organization.
- -Make sure to consult with International Relations Office, in case of withdrawal, leave of absence, study abroad, or temporarily leave from Japan during your scholarship period or qualification period.
- -If you plan to apply for a scholarship directly (without going through the university), or to extend a scholarship, tell that to International Relations Office.

#### **Contact**

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