Application Guidelines for FY2023 Mie University-Mie Prefectural Citizens' Mutual Aid Association Scholarship

<u>1. Aim</u>

The purpose of the Mie University-Mie Prefectural Citizens' Mutual Aid Association Scholarship is to provide financial support for development of human resources with the potential to succeed in the international arena through deepening their international understanding and serving as bridges between Japan and their home countries.

2. Eligibility

International students enrolled in the undergraduate or graduate school regular courses of Mie University and who satisfy all of the following conditions are eligible to apply.

The applicant:

- 1. has difficulty pursuing his or her studies due to financial hardship;
- 2. demonstrates exemplary conduct and academic excellence and is both physically and mentally fit;
- 3. will not be the recipient of any other scholarship funding exceeds 50,000yen per month while receiving this one;
- 4. is deemed in all other respects to satisfy the aim of this scholarship;
- 5. has not been selected as a recipient of this scholarship more than twice in the past.

3. Number of Scholarship Recipients

Seven (7) scholarships are being offered. (6 for 12 months, 1 for 6 months)

**Applicants selected in the top six places will be offered 12 months and selected in the seventh place will be offered 6 months.

4. Application Procedures

(1) Documents for Submission

Send the following documents to (3) below in person or by post mail.

Submission by e-mail is permitted only if you have not arrived in Japan at the time of application.

- 1. Application for the FY2023 Mie University-Mie Prefectural Citizens' Mutual Aid Association Scholarship
- 2. Short essay on your future aspirations in light of your research topic (approx. 800 characters; no predetermined format) *You must attach a Japanese translation if you write your essay in a foreign language.
- 3. Most recent academic transcript
- (2) Deadline:
 - Tuesday, May 23, 2023 (Must be arrived by the deadline.)
- (3) Submit to:

1577 Kurimamachiya-cho, Tsu, Mie 514-8507 International Relations Office, Mie University

(4) Decision:

A final decision on scholarship recipients will be made after screening of documents (and holding of interviews if needed) and deliberation by the Screening Committee at the end of June. You will be notified of the screening results by way of your academic adviser.

(5) Scholarship Awarding Ceremony

Scholarship awarding ceremony will be held at a later date. The date will be notified to those who are selected as scholarship recipients.

(*The ceremony might be cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.)

5. Description of Benefits

- (1) Amount: 50,000 yen/month
- (2) Duration: April, 2023 March, 2024 OR April, 2023 September,

However, in case that you come to Japan after May due to unavoidable circumstances, the scholarship will be

paid from the month you come to Japan.

- (3) Method: In principle, you will receive an amount equivalent to three months of the total scholarship at the end of August, November, and February. (*In August, the scholarship equivalent to six months will be paid.)
- (4) Repayment: In principle, there is no obligation to repay this scholarship.

6. Details of Activities

- 1. You may be asked to participate in social contribution activities carried out by the Mie Prefectural Citizens' Mutual Aid Association
- 2. Please attend networking events scheduled to be held annually.
- 3. Please submit a report about your research and life on campus to Mie Prefectural Citizens' Mutual Aid Association before the end of the academic year.
- 4. Once scholarship payments have ended, please promptly provide the International Relations Office with a written report on your future plans.
- 7. Suspension, Resumption, or Termination of Scholarship Benefits
 - (1) Suspension of benefits

If you come under any of the following items, the Screening Committee will suspend your scholarship benefits for that period.

- a) You take a leave of absence or study abroad;
- b) You are absent from the university for an extended period (one month or more in principle);
- c) You are away from Japan for an extended period (one month or more in principle);
- (2) Resumption of benefits

Once the reason for suspension of scholarship benefits no longer exists, you can request resumption of said benefits. Scholarship benefits will be resumed after deliberation by the Screening Committee. However, the duration of the benefit specified at 5-(2) will not be extended.

(3) Termination of benefits

If you come under any of the following items, your scholarship benefits may be terminated after deliberation by the Screening Committee.

- a) You have withdrawn or transferred;
- b) You have been suspended or otherwise punished;
- c) You have caused a problem deemed to have a negative impact on society;
- d) You have demonstrated remarkably poor academic performance;
- e) You have declined to receive scholarship benefits:
- f) It appears that you can no longer satisfy the aim of the scholarship for some other reason.

8. Precautions

- (1) If you are found to have falsified any information in your application documents, the decision on the scholarship will be revoked and you may be asked to repay any scholarship funds already received.
- (2) Submitted documents will not be returned. The personal information that you provide will only be used to screen your application and to contact you as needed; it will not be used for any other purpose.

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