

Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship Program, 2020

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Japan America Society of Minnesota (JASM) will award the Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship to students currently enrolled in Minnesota high schools who intend to participate in a study abroad program (typically during the summer) and want to broaden their knowledge of Japan through a combination of study and travel. The selection committee has the discretion to award one \$1,000 scholarship. The awards can be used for travel to or within Japan, or to defray the costs of a recognized study abroad or high school exchange program.

The application process consists of the completion and submission of the following items:

1. Application form
2. Official transcript(s) from all high schools attended
3. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
4. Two letters of recommendation. These letters should come from a faculty member or a member of the applicant's community of residence who knows the applicant well and who can attest to the applicant's desire to spend time studying and traveling in Japan. This needs to be directly submitted to JASM from the writer of the letter via email or snail mail.¹
5. An essay that addresses these questions: Why do you want to study and travel in Japan? What is your goal for this experience? How do you intend to use the scholarship dollars? The essay must be no longer than two double-spaced 12 pt. typewritten pages (500 words).
6. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the intended program of study in Japan.
7. The study abroad program must be at least two weeks.

The application acceptance starts Dec. 1, 2019

Deadline: Jan 1st, 2020

The selection committee will review all applications and select finalists for interviews. These interviews will be held some time during January. Applicants unable to participate in the interview process may be disqualified by the selection committee.

Please note:

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Resident currently enrolled at a Minnesota high school. The awardees will be asked to provide a written report on their experience while in Japan upon completion of their program and to make a personal appearance at a Japan America Society of Minnesota function during the semester after their travel is completed. Scholarship awards are generally not considered taxable income if used for tuition, books, or other similar educational expenses. Award recipients should consult with a tax advisor to understand their potential tax liability.

¹ Letters can be sent to jasm@us-japan.org or physically mailed to our office at Takuzo Ishida Memorial Scholarship Program, Japan America Society of Minnesota, Riverplace EH-131, 43 Main Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.