### Eligibility Quiz

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<td>1. I am planning to study abroad in the U.S. or Japan during the Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 academic year (semester or full-year).</td>
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<td>2. I am a U.S. citizen</td>
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**Please state your planned activity in Japan below:**

3. My planned activity in Japan includes degree-seeking students.
4. During the Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 academic year, I am or will be a full-time graduate student.

**Based on your Eligibility Quiz answers, you are eligible to complete the scholarship application.**

The final deadline to submit your application is Monday, February 17, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time. We strongly suggest submitting all of your application materials prior to the deadline to avoid the high volume of traffic we experience at the deadline.
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About the Scholarship

The Toshiro Watanabe Endowed Scholarship provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students for a semester or year-long study abroad program in either the United States or Japan. This scholarship is also open to degree-seeking American or Japanese undergraduate or graduate students. A generous endowment gift of $10 million from Mr. Toshiro (Tom) Watanabe to the U.S.-Japan Council funds these scholarships to support students for whom study abroad would not be possible without financial support.

The scholarship will support up to the full cost of attendance to the study abroad program/institution of the applicant’s choice. The scholarship amount will be determined by the applicant’s financial need and other qualifications.

APPLICATION OPENS: Monday, January 6, 2020
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 17, 2020 11:59PM EST

Eligibility

The scholarship will be awarded to college/university students who meet the following criteria:

1. U.S. or Japanese citizens and permanent residents.
2. Currently in good academic standing at an accredited college or university in either the United States or Japan.
3. High school students planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree as an international degree-seeking student in either Japan or the U.S. as well as those pursuing graduate degrees are also eligible.
4. Has applied, been accepted or plans to apply to a college/university or approved academic center outside of their home country as part of a credit-bearing course of international study.
5. Demonstrates financial need for international study (e.g. Without financial assistance or support, would not be able to study abroad).
6. (Preferred) Applicants who have been raised by a single parent or who have lost both parents.
7. (Preferred) Applicants without significant international travel or study experience.
8. (Preferred) First in family to attend/graduate from college (i.e. first-generation)
9. (Preferred) Students over the age of 25.

Please note: The maximum amount of an award for graduate students and international degree-seeking students is $25,000 for one year.
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Personal Information

Last Name (姓)*
First Name (名)*
Gender (性別)*
Male (男)
Female (女)

Date of Birth (生年月日)*
MM-DD-YYYY

Citizenship (国籍)*
Other

Please specify*

If you answered Other in the previous question, are you a legal permanent resident of either the United States or Japan?

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?*

How would you describe yourself?*

Highest level of education - mother/guardian*

Highest level of education -
Place of Current Residence
This refers to the general location (e.g. city, state/province) of where you currently reside.
- City/Town *
- State/Province
- Postcode *
- Country *

Contact Information
- Primary Phone (電話番号) *
- Mobile Phone（携帯電話番号） *
- Email Address (Eメールアドレス) *

We prefer to use email for all scholarship correspondence. We recommend applicants use a permanent email address using Gmail, Yahoo, iCloud, etc. We reserve the right to verify it through your University/College email. For that reason, we ask that all applicants also provide us with a permanent email address (above) as well as an additional one if they have one (below). If you do not have a permanent email address please provide the University/College email.

Permanent Address (本籍地)
This refers to your family home or a place of permanent residence that is legally your place of residence.
- Street 1 *
- Street 2
- City/Town *
- State/Province
- Postcode *
- Country *

Scholarship Outreach Information
We are always interested in learning how applicants learned about the scholarship. Your answers help us to improve our outreach and information campaigns for the scholarship.

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

Watanabe Scholarship History
- Have you previously applied to the Watanabe Scholarship? *
- Have you previously received the Watanabe Scholarship? *

Preference Categories
Preference Categories - Please check all that apply (where applicable):
- I am a first generation student (家族の第1子で初めて大学に進学する学生)
- I am an alum of a TOMODACHI program (TOMODACHIアルミナイではありません)
- I am an orphan (孤児である)
- I am from Tohoku (宮城,福島,岩手
- prefectures (東北地方出身: 宮城県, 福島県, 岩手県)出身である)
- I was raised by a single parent (一親派家庭で育った)
- This study abroad will be my first international travel/study experience
- None of the above
### Academic Information

- Please list your student type for the 2020-21 school year.*
- Which of the following best describes your academic status during the 2020-21 academic year?*
- I am applying for Watanabe Scholarship financial support of SAS during the following term.*

### School/Institution Information

- Name of Home Institution (母校名).*
- Current School Type (現学校種類).*
- Current Class Year (現学年).*
- Major (学科) or Intended field of Study.*
- Cumulative GPA (在籍平均点数).*
  - If you have already graduated, what was your final cumulative GPA?*

### Study Abroad Information

- I am applying for financial support for study abroad during the following terms.*
- Name of (Proposed) Study Abroad Institution (留学先大学名).*
  - Please enter the full name of the study abroad institution. Do not use acronyms or nicknames for the program.
- If you are applying to multiple schools and haven't decided where you will be attending, select one of the schools for the purposes of the application. This is not binding. You can change the name of the school when you make a final decision.*
- What kind of study abroad international program are you applying for?*
- Study Abroad/Program Application Status.*
- Proposed Study Abroad Start Date (出発日).*

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Financial Information (供参考)

Without this scholarship, I would not be able to study abroad. (この奨学金がないと留学はできないと考える)

I can provide certification from the university of the costs for the study abroad and my demonstrated need as described below. (下記に示す留学費用および必要性の証明書類を提出できる)

Estimated cost of your study abroad (in USD)

We are looking for a realistic estimate of your resources to fund study abroad. Receiving other scholarships and using personal or family savings or other funds for study does NOT hurt your chances of receiving the scholarship. You can combine the scholarship with other scholarships. If you have applied to multiple programs/schools and do not yet know which one you will be attending, use the figures for the most expensive program to calculate the cost of attendance. This will give us a maximum amount of your financial need. If you end up attending a less expensive program, then we can decrease your need and scholarship amount. You cannot increase your financial need or the scholarship amount after submitting your application.

留学に関する実現的自己資金を、リストアップしつつ提示してください。他の奨学金、自費の奨学金、他奨学金等の奨学金が見発金を受験者に支払うことをは含みません。費用のプログラム、実費大学に応募した場合、申請書には適応指定額（一案ご指定の大学の学費）を記入してください。もし、学費がやや低い場合が確認した場合、申請書を適応することが出来ます。実費額額の上限を申請書・推薦書を提出することは不可なります。

In this section, we want to know the direct costs of your study abroad program. This budget estimate does not include things like commissions, fees, salary, visa or passport costs, TOEFL/TOEIC, etc.

Please note that the form will automatically truncate the amounts you enter. So do not have to do the math. Just be sure to fill in the fields with the correct amounts.

Tuition (学費) *

Please review your list of books and materials. Please note that these are estimates. This is not a guarantee of costs. Please review your list of books and materials.

Books and Materials (書籍及び教材) *

Transportation (交通費) *

Health Insurance *

Insurance (保険) *

Total Estimated Cost (合計費用の推定額) *

*(foreign exchange programs, please enter your current exchange rate in the tuition section. Please note that the maximum of the home school tuition is not an absolute figure.)

*(If applicable, please enter the estimates in the tuition section. If this amount is less than the tuition fee you have received, please enter the actual amount.)

*(Japanese students participating in an exchange program should enter the sum of their home school tuition in USD and any exchange program costs in the tuition section. Please note that the maximum for the home school tuition is $10,000 per year.)

*(If applicable, please enter the estimates in the tuition section. If this amount is less than the tuition fee you have received, please enter the actual amount.)
### Outside Scholarships and/or Additional Sources of Financial Support

- Have you applied/or plan to apply for other financial support for study abroad (e.g. Gilman, Bridging Scholars, TOEFL, loans, etc.)? [ ] * 

- Have you received/secured any other financial support that you can apply to study abroad/internationally? [ ] * 

- Are any of the sources of financial support you have applied for or have secured not able to be combined with the Watanabe Scholarship? [ ] * 

### Estimated Amount of Scholarship Support Needed

This is the calculation that determines the total cost of attending your chosen study abroad/international study program.

To calculate the amount, we use the following formula based on the information you entered above: 

\[ \text{Estimated Support Needed} = (A + B) \times (1 - \text{Amount of scholarship requested}) \]

This amount should be the maximum amount you need if you do not receive any additional financial support.

| Estimated Cost of Study Abroad (A) | 0 |
| Estimated personal/family contributions and/or other secured financial support (B) | 0 |

The amount (B) is equal to any savings or funds your family will contribute to your study abroad or any other sources you have secured for study abroad.

| TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT NEEDED | 0 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR WATANABE SCHOLARSHIP | 0 |

### Details and Documentation

- Would you accept partial support from the Watanabe Scholarship if made available? [ ] *

- Approximately when will the bill for your study abroad/international study program need to be paid? [MM-DD-YYYY] *

- I can provide proof of my family's income (e.g. tax returns, financial aid forms, or other certified forms) if awarded the scholarship. [ ] *
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## Essay(s)

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### Essay(s)

**Instructions:**

- The essays are joint opportunities for us to get to know you better. They are one of the most important components of the scholarship application.

All applicants must complete and submit a personal statement (Essay #1). This is the essay that will carry the most weight in the evaluation of your application. All applicants must submit this essay, so if the highest score, you must fully and completely answer all elements of this prompt.

We are also giving applicants the chance to provide additional information to the committee on the importance or relevance of the scholarship process (Essay #2). You can provide background or contextual information about yourself that doesn’t show up anywhere else in the application. **BE CAREFUL** that whatever is in this essay, it does not belong in the personal statement. If it is, it’s not something that helps to give insight into your personality and who you are as a person, since we don’t have the option of an interview.

- **Essay #1:** Be sure to be honest and clear in your writing. For all the essays, make sure to address all points of the prompt for each essay. Make sure the questions presented are addressed in the appropriate essay. You will lose points if they are answered in other questions and not in the assigned one.

- **Format:** Letter size paper (8.5 x 11), single-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 1” margins. It should be written in English and structured like a proper writing assignment (e.g., paragraph, title, etc.). Be sure to indicate at the top of your essay(s), the appropriate number. Your name must be in the upper right-hand corner of each page.

Each essay must be submitted as a single document.

The essay must be uploaded in PDF format only. Word documents, docs, or scanned images such as JEPG, BMP, or TIFF files must be converted to PDF before uploading.

To help ensure successful processing, the size of uploaded files is limited to 2MB.

### Essay #1 - Personal Statement (Required)

*In no more than 750 words, please write a personal statement to the committee explaining why you should receive the Watanabe Scholarship.* Your statement must address all of the following points:

- How does studying abroad fit into your short-term education and long-term career goals?
- How does study abroad fit into your development as a leader?
- What factors impact social change in your country? For example, political, economic, or cultural factors could all be factors that impact social change in your country. Please be specific.
- What skills do you need to cultivate during your time abroad? Why?
- What unique experiences or traits do you possess that will aid you in having a successful study abroad?

Please note: To be eligible for full credit, your essay must address all of the bullet points in the prompt.

1. Personal Statement (Essay #1)

### Essay #2 (Optional)

*Please tell the committee what sets you apart from other applicants applying for the scholarship. (100 words max)*

2. Optional Stand-out Essay (Essay #2)

### Essay #3 - Previous International Experience

*Required for those who have lived, worked, and/or studied abroad previously.*

This essay helps us understand the context of your previous international experience. Your essay must address all the components of the following (500 words max)

- Why should this scholarship support this opportunity for you to go abroad again?
- How do you envision this time will be different from the same task?
- What is one thing that you regret did not during your previous time abroad?
- What will you do this time abroad to ensure that you have no regrets?

1. I have previously lived/studied/traveled outside of my home country (i.e. abroad)
2. Previous International Experience (Essay #3)

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**Required Supplemental Materials**

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The list of supplemental materials can be found below. **All are required unless otherwise noted.**

- Essays
- Study Abroad Certification Form
- Financial Certification Form
- Recommendation
- Resume
- Proof of residency (Passport, Birth Certificate, Green Card or Permanent Resident Card)
- Official Transcripts (optional)

Use the templates of the certification forms provided and give to the appropriate administrator at your school to complete. It is required that both forms are to be signed by the appropriate school official before uploading it to your application.

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**Study Abroad Certification**

**Study Abroad Certification Form (Required)** – Study Abroad Advisors are asked to confirm you are applying to/participating in a credit-eligible, study abroad program and to provide your study abroad program information – (e.g. dates, location, program, etc). The form must include the name and contact information of an advisor or administrator who has knowledge of your study abroad intentions.

**New undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking students:** Since you are not currently enrolled in a school and will just begin studying at your new university, you should seek an administrator from the Admissions Office or to complete the form. They can verify if you have applied or your intention to apply to their school/program.

Please click on the link below to download the template form. Be sure the administrator fills in the information in all required sections. The form can be opened and completed on Adobe or Google Chrome. After the form has been filled out and signed, please upload it to your application using the "Upload File" button below.

**Study Abroad Certification Form (Template)**

[Study Abroad Certification Form](#)

**Financial Certification**

**Financial Certification Form (Required)** – Financial Aid Advisors for U.S. applicants or university program administrators for Japanese applicants are asked to verify whether you are currently receiving financial support for school and how much of if you can apply to your study abroad program (if at all). The form must include the name and contact information of the administrator who completed the form.

Please click on the link below to download the provided template form that applies to you. Be sure to fill in all the information in all required sections. The form can be opened and completed on Adobe or Google Chrome. After the form has been filled out and signed, please upload it to your application using the "Upload File" button below.

**NOTE:** If you will only be studying abroad for one semester, make sure the figures used represent the time you will be abroad and not a full academic year.

**US Applicants: Financial Certification Form (Template)**

[Financial Certification Form](#)

**Resume**

**Resume (Required)** – A resume is a document used by an individual to present their educational background, experience and skills. It typically includes education, employment, volunteer activities and awards. For the scholarship committee, we are interested in learning how you spend your time outside of school. We also want to assess your leadership experience & potential.

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To the Japanese applicants: Do not submit a Japanese language or formal version (履歴書). The style and layout of a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) are often different in English to those in Japanese. As a university student, you may lack significant professional experience, so you must have a strong document that highlights all of your accomplishments, experience, and education.

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Proof of Residency
Proof of residency (Required) - To verify eligibility, we are requiring all applicants submit a scanned copy of one of the following: passport, birth certificate, green card (U.S.), permanent resident card (Japan). Please make sure that the ID page of the document with your name and date of birth is clearly visible and legible.

The scan must be uploaded in PDF format only. Images such as JPG, BMP or TIFF files must be converted to PDF before uploading.

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Transcripts(s)
Transcripts - Although not required, this document can help the committee to understand an applicant’s academic background. It should include the most recent semester’s grades. If you have already graduated, it should include all semesters and indicate a date of graduation. It does not need to be official, but should be from the registrar. Do not send screenshots of information from your student account portal.

Please note: As it is not required, it does not factor into the application review process.

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Signature
I certify that all my answers contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this application leads to a scholarship, any false/misleading information contained therein may result in disqualification or repayment of any and all disbursed funds.

SIGNATURE

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REGISTER RECOMMENDERS

To the Applicant:

The letter of recommendation may be provided by an academic advisor, a current or past professor or someone who knows you (the applicant) in a professional or volunteer capacity. The recommender should be someone who knows you (the applicant) well and can speak to your character and potential to succeed in a study abroad or international degree seeking program. The letter may not be completed by anyone who is related to you (the applicant). The letter must be original, on letterhead (if applicable) and written in English.

The letter must be submitted by the recommender via the online portal no later than the Feb 17, 2020 at 11:59PM EST deadline. Be sure to give your recommender sufficient notice to complete and submit the recommendation letter.

Below are the criteria given to the recommenders for their letter. Please read carefully as you consider who is best to write a strong recommendation on your behalf.

To the Recommender:

Please write a letter of recommendation commenting on the candidate’s general fitness for study abroad. In selecting Scholars, the committee will look for candidates who have the potential to excel as leaders and as contributors to their own society as well as strengthening the U.S.-Japan relationship. (Please note those can manifest in any field of study/race/sex as well as at any level.) What leadership experiences or potential does the applicant demonstrate that you think will make them successful at international study? The scholarship is designed to provide an opportunity to those students for whom study abroad would not be possible without financial assistance. Preference will be given to a student from a single-parent family, first-generation, and/or who have limited international experience. The committee wants candidates who will fully embrace this opportunity and play an active part in the life of the study program they are attending for study abroad.

We ask that you address all of the above in your recommendation of the applicant for this scholarship. These are the criteria upon which the recommendation will be evaluated. So if any of the above criteria are missing from the recommendation, it will not be eligible for full marks.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please provide the name and email of one person to provide a recommendation letter on your behalf.

Only one is required for the application. Please do not and submit more than one recommendation. It will not increase your chances of receiving the scholarship, and it could cause your application not to be reviewed.

Adding a Recommender:

To add a recommender, please select the icon. To register your recommender, please select INVITE RECOMMENDER. Once you select INVITE RECOMMENDER, an email will be sent to your recommender with a link to their online recommendation form.