



# The Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship 渡邊利三寄付奨学金

*For U.S. College/University Administrators*

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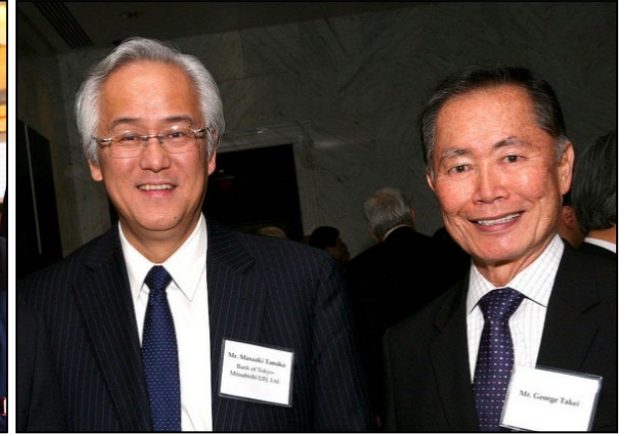
# Outline

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# About USJC



- *develops and connects* diverse leaders to create a stronger U.S.-Japan relationship
- USJC *brings together leaders* of the United States and Japan from across backgrounds, sectors, and generations *to partner for a better future* for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond
- USJC invests in the *next generation* of leaders from the United States and Japan



# About the Scholarship

- Created in 2016
- Named for Mr. Toshizo Watanabe, *a successful Japanese businessman who had a life-changing SAB experience in the United States*
- Supports international study in either the U.S. or Japan
- **Decrease financial burden** of international study
- Give opportunity to those with **leadership experience/potential & no previous int'l experience**



# Eligibility



- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Degree-seeking & exchange program students
- Any field of study or major
- Any school or approved program  
(\*no language schools\*)
- A minimum one (1) semester up to one (1) year of study  
(\*No summer or January term support\*)
- U.S. → Japan
- Students with financial need
- No fixed scholarship amount



# Who is Eligible?

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- 1) U.S. citizens and permanent residents
- 2) Currently enrolled student in good standing at a college or university in the US, or degree-seeking student currently studying in Japan
- 3) Will be in a credit-bearing, academic content course at a college, university or approved study center\*

**\*\*Language schools/Bridge Programs are NOT eligible\*\***

- 4) Has financial need

**5) Preference** given to students who are:

- a) from single parent households
- b) orphans (or wards of the state)
- c) first-generation
- d) Those with no international experience

# Application Requirements

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- Online Application Form  
**Deadline: February 20, 2023 Eastern Time (subject to change)**
- All materials in English
- Essay(s)
- Resume
- Recommendation letter (1)
- SAB certification form\*
- Financial certification form\*
- Transcripts **(optional)**
- Language proficiency scores **(not required)**
- No interview required



# Application Timeline 2023-2024\*

Date	
Jan. 9 – Feb. 20, 2023	Application Period (Online)
Apr. 18 – May 18, 2023	Finalist Notification
May 22 – June 2, 2023	Scholarship Decisions Announced
June 30, 2023	Scholarship Acceptance Deadline
July 1, 2023	Scholarship Disbursement Begins

\*Schedule subject to change

- **We only have one application cycle**  
(If studying abroad only for Fall 2023 or Spring 2024, you must apply for this cycle. Same deadlines apply.)
- **Apply for study abroad between Fall 2023 – Spring 2024**
- **Link to the online application will be posted on our [Watanabe webpage](#)**
- **Scholarship cannot be deferred**





# Direct Costs of Attendance for International Study

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## APPROVED

- ✓ Program Fees
- ✓ Room and Board
- ✓ Health Insurance
- ✓ Books and School Supplies (up to \$1000/year)
- ✓ Travel (max \$1600)
- ✓ Miscellaneous (max \$1000/year)

## NON-APPROVED

- ✗ Home school tuition (U.S.)
- ✗ Domestic Travel
- ✗ Activity Fees (formal or informal)
- ✗ Work-Study
- ✗ Visa application/Passport Fees
- ✗ Testing Fees

# Calculating Need (i.e. How much to apply for)

Total Cost of Attendance (TCOA) – Total Existing Financial Resources you Have (EFR) ==  
**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WATANABE (ARW) // FINANCIAL NEED (FN)**

Total Cost of Attendance	—	Total Existing Financial Resources	=	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WATANABE // FINANCIAL NEED</b>
\$ 0.00	—	\$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00

FIN. AID TYPE	CAN IT BE APPLIED TO STUDY ABROAD?		AMOUNT		FIN. AID TYPE	CAN IT BE APPLIED TO STUDY ABROAD?		AMOUNT
<b>GRANTS</b>					<b>LOANS</b>			
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SEOG Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Unsubsidized Stafford	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
State Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Perkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Merit (College)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		PLUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Need-Based (College)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Institutional Loan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$		Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	\$
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<b>Total Grants</b>	\$				<b>Total Loans</b>	\$		



# IMPORTANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

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## Essay (subject to change)

### Prompt #1 (required)

- Motivation to study abroad
- Long & short-term goals
- Skills you want to develop during study abroad
- Financial barriers

### Prompt #2 (optional)

- ❑ Chance for student to share unique feature/fact about yourself
- ❑ This help us learn what is special about you

### Prompt #3 (required for some)

- Explain if you have previous international experience
- How will this time be different?
- Why should we support you going abroad again?

## Recommendation Letter

- ❖ ASK YOUR RECOMMENDER IN ADVANCE
- ❖ Written in English
- ❖ Address the prompts
- ❖ Position doesn't matter, how well they know the student does
- ❖ Do **NOT** send more than one, it will not help and may harm your chances of getting the scholarship

# What Makes the Watanabe Scholarship Unique?

- Can **reapply** for more than one year (degree-seeking students/graduate students)
- **Can combine** the Watanabe Scholarship **with other scholarships** (up to the full cost of attendance)
- **No repayment/work requirements** after the completion of your study period
- Can apply at **any stage** of study abroad planning
- **Students apply for the scholarship directly.** School has no role in the application process.
- Scholarship is **paid directly to the school**, not the student. (We prefer paying U.S. institutions)
- Scholarship is paid in **one lump sum**





# What Makes the Watanabe Scholarship Unique? (cont'd)

- Connected to the U.S.-Japan Council Network
- Dedicated leadership opportunities during the SAB year:
  - Watanabe Scholars Leadership Program
  - Regional USJC Events
  - TOMODACHI Program Opportunities
  - TOMODACHI Generation



# For More Information

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Check out the FAQ page and any related updates visit the webpage

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