
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application form (3 copies) [an electronic application is available on our website]
- Essay (3 copies)
- Transcript (issued by institution)
- Letter of recommendation (original, sealed letter)

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BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN

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BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS, SPRING 2018

The US-Japan Bridging Foundation funds scholarships through AATJ to help students to study abroad in Japan.

The Bridging Project is accepting applications from American students who will participate in study-abroad programs in Japan beginning in Spring 2018. The deadline for receipt of applications is October 11, 2017.

Funding from private foundations, corporations, and individuals has made it possible to award 25 scholarships to assist students with travel and living expenses while studying abroad in Japan in Spring 2018.

Contributors to the Bridging Scholarship fund include Aflac Japan, AIG Holdings KK, Ronald and Maria Anderson, the *Bridging Scholars Alumni Fund*; Paul Clawson, Estee Lauder K.K., Exxon Mobil G.K., the Freeman Foundation, Yoshiaki Fujiki, the *Robert Grondine Memorial Scholarship Fund*, Ellen Hammond and Yasuo Ohdera, Chris Herbert, Harry and Yumiko Hill, Ichigo Asset Management, the Japan Foundation, Stephanie Klapper, Lockheed Martin Global, Inc., Patricia Maclachlan and Zoltan Barany, Deanna Marcum, E'Narda McCalister, Mission Value Partners, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), Morgan Stanley Japan, Anne Nishimura Morse, Robert and Janette Noddin, Oak Lawn Marketing, ORIX USA Corporation, T.J. Pempel, Susan Pharr and Robert Mitchell, Thierry Porté and Yasko Tashiro Porté, Bradley Ramos, the Roche Family Foundation, Leonard Schoppa, Megan Schufreider, David Sneider, Kevin Sollomich, Lance Sweatt, George and Brad Takei, Temple University-Japan Campus, Toyota Motor North America, the U.S.-Japan Council TOMODACHI Initiative, and the *Ira Wolf Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Japanese language study is not a prerequisite.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must be enrolled as undergraduates in a college or university in the U.S. Their terms of study in Japan should begin between January and April and be at least three months long.

Recipients of Bridging Scholarships will receive a stipend of \$2,500 (for students on single-semester programs) or \$4,000 (for students on full-year programs). The deadline for applications is **October 11, 2017**, for students who will be studying in Japan at programs that begin between January and March 2018. **This is not a postmark deadline. All materials must be received by the end of business on Wednesday, October 11.**

The Bridging Scholarship application form is available on paper or as a Word form document that can be filled out online, printed, and mailed with other application materials. Go to <http://www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships> for the form. Please submit three copies of all materials except transcripts and letters of recommendation. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. The results of the selection will be announced in late November. Selection is made by a committee and is based on academic potential and financial need.

Scholarship recipients will be expected to send a brief report about their study in Japan to the AATJ office within 90 days of returning from abroad. These reports will be valuable for students, teachers, and advisors who are selecting study-abroad programs in Japan.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Please submit the following to the AATJ office by **October 11, 2017**. Please note: Applications must be received (not postmarked) by the end of business on **October 11** in order to be considered.

1. A completed application form (three copies). The application form can be found at www.aatj.org/studyabroad/japan-bridging-scholarships, filled out online, and downloaded and printed.
2. A short essay (up to 500 words) explaining your interest in study abroad in Japan (three copies).
3. An official transcript from your college or university.
4. A letter of recommendation from someone who knows you and is knowledgeable about your abilities and potential, preferably a professor or instructor in your major course of study. This may either be submitted together with the application or sent separately by the recommender; please note that it must be received by **October 11** in order for your application to be considered. *Faxed or emailed letters will NOT be accepted.*

Students planning to study in Japan beginning in Fall 2018 should apply in April 2018.

For further information on the Bridging Scholarships or the application procedure, please contact Susan Schmidt, Executive Director of the Bridging Project Clearinghouse, at the AATJ office: studyabroad@aatj.org.

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