**Application for Bridging Scholarship
For Study in Japan**

BRIDGING PROJECT CLEARINGHOUSE

American Association of Teachers of Japanese

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Date:

Name:

Mailing address (please provide an address where you can be reached year-around, if possible:

Tel:

E-mail:

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

College/university you currently attend:

Major/course of study:

Overall grade point average:

Date you expect to graduate:

Enter month and year.

Study-abroad program or university in Japan you plan to attend:

Beginning and ending dates of Japan program:

If you have studied Japanese at school, at home, or elsewhere, please tell us how long and where you have studied:

For example, “one year in high school.” “two years in college,” or “studied on my own for a year”

List all travel, residence, or study in Japan.

Give the dates, duration, and purpose of the trip(s). Previous travel to Japan does not disqualify you for the scholarship. It gives the selection committee a more complete view of your application.

Other foreign experience:

List country, dates, purpose, including all travel/living.

Have you applied for the Bridging Scholarship in the past?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If Yes, which year/semester did you apply for?

**Estimated cost of your term of study in Japan**

 Transportation $

 Tuition $

 Room and board $

 Miscellaneous $

 **TOTAL ESTIMATED COST $** **0**

**Your real and anticipated resources for funding your study in Japan\***

Scholarships and/or grants:

       Received $

 Did you receive a Pell Grant? Yes [ ]  No [ ]

 Applied for (*not* including the Bridging Scholarship)

 $

 Loans $

 Private contributions and $

    savings (personal or family)

 **TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDING** $ **0**

\*We are looking for a realistic estimate of your resources to fund your study abroad in Japan. Receiving other scholarships and using personal or family savings or student loan funds for study abroad does NOT hurt your chances of receiving a Bridging Scholarship or reduce the amount of the award.

Brief Essay

Tell us about yourself. How has your background (race, cultural heritage, gender, disability, family, work, school, socio-economic background, and/or other experiences) contributed to who you are today? Explain your reasons for wishing to study in Japan, perhaps in relation to your background, and outline what you hope to achieve by participating in a study-program and how you envision your post-graduation/career plans. (About 500 words)

**Please supply the following together with this application form**:

1. An official transcript issued from your university’s registrar. The transcript can be sent in a sealed envelope with your other materials, or sent directly from your university registrar, or sent electronically to BridgingScholarship@aatj.org, if your school uses an electronic transcript service.
2. 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 letter may either be submitted together with the application or sent separately by the recommender; please note that it must be received by the current application deadline in order for your application to be considered. *The letter can also be sent by email to* BridgingScholarship@aatj.org*.*

The materials for your application should be mailed to:

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