

# Outline of the Aichi Scholarship Program (2016)

The Aichi Prefectural Government is currently taking applications for the Aichi Scholarship Program. Utilizing scholarship money provided by the prefectural government, students from Asia will travel to Aichi and enroll in graduate school to study the specialized fields and related subjects that support Aichi's manufacturing industry. After completing their courses of study, these students will then be highly expected to seek employment within Aichi.

## 1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) **Citizenship:** Applicants must hold citizenship of, and currently reside in, one of the following Asian countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, East Timor, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2016, i.e. born on or after April 2, 1981.
- (3) **Academic Degree:** Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent thereof.
- (4) **Field of Study:** Applicants must study a subject recognized as pertinent to the support of Aichi's manufacturing industry.
- (5) **Health:** Applicants must be healthy, both mentally and physically.
- (6) **Japanese Language Ability:** Applicants must have a fairly good command of the Japanese language to study and seek employment in Aichi, or have the prospect of obtaining sufficient language ability.
- (7) **Post-Scholarship Employment:** Applicants must have the intention to seek employment at a company that has its headquarters or a branch office located within Aichi (whether or not work placement should fall in Japan).
- (8) **Internships:** During the first year of their master course study, applicants must participate in an internship program offered by companies introduced by the Aichi Prefectural Government or other organizations.
- (9) **Other Scholarships:**
  - a. Applicants must not be receiving scholarships or grants from any other organization, including the Japanese government and the government of their home country.
  - b. Spouses of students currently receiving scholarship money from the Aichi Prefectural Government are not eligible to apply.
- (10) **Date of Arrival:** Applicants must be able to come to Japan by October 2016 on a day to be designated by the Governor.

**(11) Other Conditions:**

- a. Applicants must be admitted as a research student at a university or a graduate school within Aichi from the period of October 2016 to March 2017.
- b. After arriving in Japan, applicants must enroll in the national health insurance system.

**2. NUMBER OF STUDENTS**

Ten (10) scholarship recipients for 2016.

**3. WHAT WE PROVIDE**

The Aichi Scholarship Program provides the followings:

**(1) Living Allowance:** 150,000 yen per month

This living allowance in principle will be reduced under the following circumstances:

- You leave Japan for more than 30 days.
- You take a leave of absence from school.

**(2) Travel Expenses to Japan:**

- a. Travel expenses to Japan — A predetermined amount of money, decided by the Governor, will be provided to each applicant to allow travel from their nearest international airport to Central Japan International Airport (economy class).
- b. Travel expenses from Japan — As a general rule, return airfare will not be provided.

**(3) School Expenses:**

Entrance examination fees, entrance fees and tuition for both research and graduate study within certain limits as per the following list:

Items	Limit
Entrance examination fee (research student)	¥9,800
Entrance fee (research student)	¥84,600
Tuition (six months; research student)	¥178,200
Entrance examination fee (master's course student)	¥30,000
Entrance fee (master's course student)	¥282,000
Tuition (annual; master's course student)	¥535,800

\*Amounts subject to change.

#### **4. PERIOD OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Two (2) years and six (6) months beginning October 2016 and ending March 2019. When a scholarship student is judged to have violated the pledge or unlikely to complete their studies, the scholarship will be terminated at that time. If an applicant cannot pass the master course's entrance examination before March 2017, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of the following month of the announcement of the test result.

#### **5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- (1) **Recommending Organizations:** Applicants must apply through graduate schools located in Aichi.
- (2) **Deadline:** Application forms must be handed in to the Aichi Prefectural Government by May 20, 2016 by a recommending organization.
- (3) **Selection:** The governor selects the scholarship recipients from among applicants recommended by the Aichi Scholarship Program Selection Committee. The selection results will be announced to the recommending universities by the end of July 2016.
- (4) **Required Documents:**
  - a. Documents to be submitted by the applicant to the recommending organization:
    - (a) Application form (Form 1)
    - (b) Pledge (Form 2)
    - (c) Certificate of health (Form 3 issued within the past six (6) months)
    - (d) Proof of graduation (copy of certificate of graduation, diploma, or degree) or a certificate of student status and proof of expected graduation (if the applicant is in college)
    - (e) Academic record issued by the university from which applicant graduated
    - (f) Certified copy of passport (if the applicant does not have a passport upon application, a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate or a citizenship certificate will be sufficient)
    - (g) Recommendations
      - I. Recommendation to the governor by the dean/department chairperson (or person of higher position) of the university department from which the applicant graduated. (No specific form)
      - II. Vietnamese applicants who have a recommendation from Vietnamese Aichi Ryugakusei OB • OG Network (VARONET)

to the governor should submit it. (Form 5)

(h) Three (3) photographs (4 cm by 3 cm, taken within the last six (6) months. In the photos, the applicant must be facing forward, the upper torso and face must be clearly visible, and the applicant must not be wearing a hat. The applicant's name and nationality must be written on the back of each photo. One (1) of these photos should be attached to the application in the space provided.)

b. Documents to be submitted by the recommending university to the Aichi Prefectural Government:

(a) Recommendation to the governor by the university president (No specific form)

(b) Recommendation to the governor by the professor in charge of the applicant's desired field of study (Form 4)

(c) If awarded, reductions in tuition should be recorded on the Tuition Exemption Details Form (Form 6)

(d) Record of Applicant's Japanese Language Ability (Form 7)

- If at the time of application the applicant holds a certified level of N2 or higher (or Level 2 or higher on the old examination) from the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or scored a total of 200 points or more on the Japanese as a Foreign Language section (reading comprehension, listening and listening-reading comprehension combined) of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students offered by Japan Student Services Organization, please collect the documents that verify this and attach it to this application. (If the applicant cannot produce proof, interview the applicant, determine their proficiency, and record the results.)
- If at the time of application the applicant does not have the Japanese language skills mentioned above but the recommending university has a program of Japanese language study and intends to instruct the applicant in order to acquire the equivalent level of proficiency, please attach the curriculum that will be used.

Note 1) The above documents should be written in Japanese or English and typed if possible.

Note 2) If “14 Proposed Study Plan” or “15 Proposed Work Plan After Completing the Program” in the (a) application form or (g) I. Recommendation by the dean/department chairperson is written in English, please attach a Japanese translation prepared by the recommending organization.

Note 3) Documents will not be returned once they are submitted.

Note 4) Incomplete documents or applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

## **6. ROUGH SCHEDULE AFTER APPLICATION**

- (1) **July 2016:** The Aichi Scholarship Program Selection Committee chooses the ten (10) Aichi Scholarship students and notifies recommending universities of the results.
- (2) **October 2016:** Aichi Scholarship students come to Japan and start studying at the recommending universities as research students.
- (3) **April 2017:** Aichi Scholarship students enroll in master's courses. If an applicant fails the entrance examination, he/she will leave Japan by the end of March 2017. In this case, the scholarship will be terminated at the following month of the announcement of the test result.
- (4) **March 2019:** Aichi Scholarship students complete their studies.

## **7. CAUTION**

Before applying, please inquire into available courses, learning environments, language of instruction, dormitories and all related expenses, including school expenses. Please apply only when you are confident that you will be able to complete two and a half years of study in Japan.

At dates determined by the Governor, scholarship students will be required to submit progress reports on their studies, research, job search, academic performance and so on. They will also be required to support projects in which the Aichi Prefectural Government is involved.

Other matters not specified in this outline will be in accordance with the Aichi Scholarship Students Program Outline, Aichi Scholarship Students Program Subsidy Provision Outline, and Aichi Prefectural Subsidy Statute (Aichi Prefectural Rule #8 in 1980).

If any false information is found in the application forms, the provision of the scholarship may be denied.