Need Financial Support?
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2015 Grant Programs available in the U.S.

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles administers the following grant programs to promote Japanese language education in the U.S.



Deadline: April 10, 2015

Salary Assistance Grant for Japanese-Language Courses

Photo: Houston Independent School District - Johnston Middle School

This program supports educational institutions or school districts in the U.S. that are facing **temporary** financial difficulties in either (1) <u>starting up a new Japanese program</u> or (2) <u>expanding or maintaining a current program</u> during the 2015-2016 Academic Year. JFLA provides <u>one-year</u> grant support to <u>supplement</u> the instructor's salary, not exceeding **\$30,000** per school (cost-sharing basis).

NOTE: Only in the case of **starting up** a new program, applicants may request funding for up to **two** years at the time of application; however, JFLA can only decide on the Year 1 grant, due to our single-year budget system. JFLA will decide on the Year 2 grant after carefully reviewing the "Interim Report (Year 1)" as well as the "Application Form (Year 2)".

It is highly recommended that applying institutions submit <u>commitment letter(s)</u> from stakeholders (Examples: Dean, Dept. Chair, District Superintendent, Head of the Board of Education, Principal, etc.) at the time of application, regarding their support for continuation of the Japanese program after the completion of JFLA's grant support.

Two Deadlines:
March 1st and
September 1st, 2015

Japanese Language Learners Event Grant

This program supports national/state/regional-level events for Japanese language learners; such as speech contests, quiz contests, presentational events, etc. that are intended to motivate learners and promote Japanese-language education in the region.

Fiscal Year 2015's grant supports such events to be held between 4/1/2015 and 3/31/2016.

Eligible items for support are: 1) Expenses for inviting judges (honorarium, travel expense), 2) Venue and audio equipment rental, 3) Prize expenses for participants (Japanese-language learners), and 4) Production costs for programs/flyers.



Photo: Michigan Japanese Speech Contest



Two Deadlines:
March 15 and
September 15, 2015

Japanese Teaching Material Purchase Grant



This program assists educational institutions in the U.S. with purchasing teaching materials for their Japanese-language courses by providing financial support, not exceeding **\$1,000**.

Items eligible for support include <u>textbooks</u>, <u>audio-visual</u> <u>materials</u>, <u>dictionaries</u>, <u>digital learning software</u>, <u>teacher's</u> reference books, etc.

The grant will NOT cover electronic devices (such as laptop computers, tablets, digital cameras, projectors, etc.) and consumable stationery supplies (papers, pens, etc.).

Two months prior to the project start date

Japanese Language Education **Project Grant**

This program provides financial assistance, not exceeding \$3,000, for projects that can promote Japanese language education on the national/ state/regional-level. The project should benefit a wide range of educators/learners in the region or nationwide.

Projects that are eligible for support are

- Workshops, conferences, seminars for Japanese language teachers
- Original projects (i.e. <u>Advocacy</u> projects, <u>survey/research</u> projects, <u>teaching material</u> <u>development</u> projects, etc.)



Photo: Workshop by Delaware Valley Teachers of Japanese

Fiscal Year 2015's grant supports such projects to be held between 4/1/2015 and 3/15/2016.

Items eligible for support will vary depending on the type of projects. Possible items for support include "Expenses for inviting person(s) who will play major roles for the project," "Project venue rental (including AV equipment rental)," and "Production costs for handouts/flyers," etc. Please consult with JFLA for more details.



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