

MEXT 2026 JAPANESE STUDIES STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

✓Checklist for applicants applying through the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.¹

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications Checklist: (See *APPLICATION GUIDELINES* for details.) (✓)

U.S. Citizen (and not dual citizen with Japan by time of arrival in Japan): _____
Born between April 2, 1996 and April 1, 2008: _____
In good physical and mental health: _____
Undergraduate student majoring in Japanese language- or culture-related fields: _____
University-level Japanese studies of at least one year by Sept. 1, 2026: _____
Able to arrive in Japan by designated time (generally in Sept./Oct., 2026): _____
Willing to receive a new “Student” visa _____
Japanese language proficiency sufficient for study in Japan: _____
Assuredly returning to same program at home university after the scholarship: _____
Willing to contribute to mutual understanding _____

NOT eligible (See Guidelines for complete list and details):

Senior who would graduate university prior to September 2027 / Military employee during scholarship period /
Previous MEXT grantee / Applicant for another 2026 MEXT scheme / Person already enrolled in Japanese
institution with a “Student” visa / Person with overlapping scholarship (See 1.(8)⑥ and 9.(10))

Paperwork Checklist: (**Please read** *APPLICATION GUIDELINES*, including “Notes,” for details.)

(✓)

1. Completed 2026 Application Form w/proper photo	1 original	_____
2. Completed 2026 Placement Preference Form	1 original	_____
3. Official Transcripts from current university ²	1 original	_____
4. Document verifying 1 year of Japanese language and culture studies <i>if</i> current university transcripts do not show it	1 original	_____
5. Certification of enrollment at university	1 original	_____
6. Letter of Recommendation ³	1 original	_____
7. Certificate of Health for 2026	1 original	_____
8. Document proof of Japanese language ability, for example JLPT passing certificate (<i>if</i> applicable)	1 (copy or printout)	_____

¹ Applicants through the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles should be residents of Arizona or of the following counties in southern California: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, or Imperial.

² Regarding Question 8 of the Application Form and Note 6 of Point 7 ③ of the Application Guidelines, please mark the relevant classes on your transcript. You may open the envelope of your official transcripts for this purpose.

³ Recommender’s signature is required. Also, please ask recommender to follow directions for sealing the envelope, which are located in the Recommendation Letter Sample. Do not break the seal.