

MEXT 2026 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

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

(This is only an aid. See APPLICATION GUIDELINES for more complete, authoritative specifications.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications Checklist:

(✓)

U.S. Citizen (and not dual citizen with Japan by time of acquisition of student status): _____

Born on or after April 2, 2001: _____

In good physical and mental health: _____

High school graduate, or equivalent, by March 2026 (August 2026 if by "direct placement"): _____

Able to arrive in Japan at designated time, generally the first week of April, 2026: _____

Willing to receive a new "Student" visa: _____

Willing to learn Japanese; having proficiency sufficient for study in Japan: _____

Willing to contribute to mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. _____

NOT eligible:

Military at time of arrival / Previous MEXT grantee / Current applicant for another MEXT scholarship / Already enrolled in Japanese university with "Student" visa (see Guidelines for details) / Overlapping scholarship.

Paperwork Checklist:

(✓)

	<u>Originals & copies</u> as per Guidelines!					
1. Completed 2026 Application Form w/proper photo						_____
2. (Direct Placement Preference Form*, later, if applying	"	"	"	"	"	_____)
3. Official Transcript(s) ^{2,3} (See Guidelines)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
4. Certification of Graduation (See Guidelines)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
5. Letter of Recommendation ^{2,4}	"	"	"	"	"	_____
6. Certificate of Health (aka Medical Certificate) for 2026 ⁵	"	"	"	"	"	_____
7. Certificate of Enrollment (if applicable)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
8. Certification of University Enrollment Qualification Exam (if applicable)	"	"	"	"	"	_____
9. Certificate of Language Proficiency (if applicable)	"	"	"	"	"	_____

In the case of official, sealed documents (like the transcript, letter of recommendation), the L.A. office is willing to make the necessary copies: do not break the seal.

*Direct Placement Preference Form is to be submitted only by those seeking Direct Placement who will have passed the First Screening. It is not due at this time.

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 Do not break the seal of envelopes containing official documents like letters of recommendation or transcripts.

³ Electronic transcripts are only accepted with proof that paper copies cannot not be issued. Contact the MEXT Desk in advance.

⁴ Please ask recommender to follow directions for sealing the envelope, which are located in the Recommendation Letter Sample.

⁵ X-ray is required.