

Outline of the Aichi Scholarship Program (FY2024)

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

Please note that this scholarship is to be offered on the premise that the budget is approved by the Aichi Prefectural Assembly of February 2024.

1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) **Citizenship:** Applicants must hold citizenship of, and currently reside in outside of Japan: United Nations Member States except for Japan and North Korea, also Vatican City, Kosovo, Cook Islands and Niue.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2024, i.e. born on or after April 2, 1988.
- (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 industries.
- (5) **Health:** Applicants must be healthy enough to accomplish the program, both mentally and physically.
- (6) **Japanese Language Ability:** Applicants must have a good command of 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) **Reporting:** Reporting on Employment Status After Completion of Studies:
Applicants are required to respond to inquiries regarding employment status sent via email from the Aichi Prefectural Government after completion of studies.
- (9) **Internships:** During the first year of their master's course study, applicants must participate in internship programs.
- (10) **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.

(11) **Date of Arrival:** Applicants must be able to come to Japan by October 2024 on a day to be designated by the Governor. When applicants' arrival in Japan is delayed due to any reasons approved by the Governor, such as restrictions on entry to Japan, they must arrive in Japan by the end of March 2025 allowing them to take the entrance examination for the graduate school which starts in April 2025.

Even if the applicants inevitably take the online entrance examination for the graduate school outside of Japan, they must arrive in Japan by the end of March 2025.

(12) **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 2024 to March 2025.

b. After arriving in Japan, applicants must enroll in the national health insurance system.

2. NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED

Five scholarship recipient for 2023.

3. WHAT WE PROVIDE

The Aichi Scholarship Program provides the followings:

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

(Paid from the month of arrival in Japan.)

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

- When applicant leaves Japan for more than 30 days
- When applicant takes a leave of absence from school

The living allowance will be reduced to 100,000 yen per month from April 2026 if the applicant fails to pass the N4 or higher level of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test organized by The Japan Foundation and Japan Educational Exchanges and Services by the end of March 2026. The allowance will be increased to 150,000 yen per month from the month following the day you submit a passing certificate for the N4 or a higher level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

If the Japanese Language Proficiency Test cannot be taken due to exceptional circumstances, similar tests can be used for the assessment of your proficiency.

(2) Travel Expenses to Japan:

a. Travel expenses to Japan

Airfare to Japan approved by the Governor within the budget for economy class and other travel expenses from the nearest international airport to applicants' residence to the Chubu Centrair International Airport. When those airports cannot be used for exceptional circumstances, the Governor may offer necessary expenses.

b. Travel expenses from Japan

As a general rule, airfare for return flight will not be provided.

(3) School Expenses:

School expenses will be paid upon applicants' arrival in Japan.

School expenses include 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 years and six months beginning October 2024 and ending March 2027. If a scholarship student is judged to have violated the pledge or unlikely to complete their studies, the scholarship will be terminated at that point. If the applicant cannot pass the master course's entrance examination before March 2025, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of the following month of the announcement of the test result. If the announcement is made in March, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of March.

If the applicant fails to earn notification of employment by the end of January 2027, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of February 2027.

5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

- (1) **Recommending Organizations:** Applicants must apply through graduate schools located in Aichi.
- (2) **Deadline:** Application forms from a recommending organization must arrive in the Aichi Prefectural Government by Friday May 17, 2024.
- (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 2024.
- (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 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
 - If there is no GPA description, the recommending organization should calculate and attach the GPA for reference.
 - (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
Recommendation to the governor by the dean/department chairperson (or person of higher position) of the university department from which the applicant graduated. (No designated form)
 - (h) Three photographs (4 cm by 3 cm, taken within the last six months. In the photos, the applicant must be facing forward, the upper torso and face must be 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 of these photos should be attached to the application in the space provided.)

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 in the (g) recommendations 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 and applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Note 5) Write down the name and contact information of the person in charge at your university (address, department, telephone number, e-mail) on a contact information sheet and attach it to the recommendation letter written by the professor in charge.

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

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

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

- Describe the type of industry or occupation that is expected to contribute to the development of the manufacturing industry in Aichi Prefecture based on the applicant's intention, purpose, and significance of the research.

(c) If awarded, reductions in tuition should be recorded on the Tuition Exemption Details Form (Form 5)

- If the tuition is the same amount as the subsidy limit indicated on chart 3(3), no attachment is required.

(d) Record of applicant's Japanese language ability (Form 6)

- 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 and listening 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 them to this application. (If the applicant cannot

provide proof, interview the applicant, determine their proficiency, and record the results.)

- If the applicant does not have the Japanese language skills mentioned above at the time of application but the recommending organization offer a Japanese language program and intends to instruct the applicant to acquire the equivalent level of proficiency, please attach the curriculum that will be used.

(5) **Application:** Applications should be submitted by the recommending organization by mail or email to the following address. Note that only photographs must be mailed. Please try to send all other documents by email.

E-mail address : kokusai@pref.aichi.lg.jp (Note: email size limit is 7MB.)

6. SCHEDULE AFTER APPLICATION

- (1) **July 2024:** The Aichi Scholarship Program Selection Committee chooses the Aichi Scholarship student and notifies recommending universities of the results.
- (2) **October 2024:** Aichi Scholarship students come to Japan and start studying at the recommending universities as research students.
- (3) **April 2025:** 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 2025. In this case, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of the following month of the announcement of the test result. However, if the announcement of the examination is made in March 2025, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of March 2025.
- (4) **March 2027:** Aichi Scholarship students complete their studies. (The living allowance for March 2027 will not be paid if a student fails to earn notification of employment by the end of January 2027.)

7. CAUTION

- (1) Before applying, please inquire into available courses, learning environments, the 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 and eager to find employment within Aichi.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Other matters not specified in this outline will be under the Aichi Scholarship Students Program Outline, Aichi Scholarship Students Program Subsidy Provision Outline, and Aichi Prefectural Subsidy Statute (Aichi Prefectural Rule #8 in 1980).
- (4) If any false information is found in the application forms, the provision of the scholarship may be denied.