



Australia Japan
Society Victoria

Scholarships facilitated by the Australia-Japan Society of Victoria

For over 30 years, the AJSV has organised a most successful reciprocal Scholarship Program with our contacts in Japan.

In recent years, the program changed to work with schools teaching Japanese that have their own short term exchange program. From the pilot scheme in 2010 where we awarded a scholarship to a student from Bright P-12 College to subsequent years of selecting several students each year, thanks to the generous support of corporate sponsors such as Mitsubishi, Ernst & Young and Murray Goulburn, AJSV is again planning to identify sponsors for students from schools with an established exchange program. It is envisaged that the successful students will participate in a program which is wholly organised by the school.

Details of criteria for student selection are explained below.

CRITERIA

- School must have an existing exchange program.
- Student should be someone whose family could not otherwise afford to participate.
- Student must be studying Japanese.
- Student must be in Year 9, 10 or 11 in 2017.
- Student must travel during the financial year of 2017-2018.
- Student should have a positive attitude towards studies.
- Student should be a good citizen and a contributor to school life.
- Student should preferably be a first time traveller to Japan.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Only one student may be recommended from each school.
- Ultimate recommendation comes from the school principal and the homeroom or Japanese teacher.
- Student will be required to attend an interview.
- Student must be prepared to meet AJSV Committee members and sponsor upon return to provide feedback. Student must also submit to AJSV a written report (approximately 5 pages) and a short video message regarding the Japan trip within a couple of months after the trip to Japan. The written report will be published in the AJSV newsletter and the video message may be shown at the AJSV annual general meeting.
- The value of the scholarship will be \$3500.
- The Society's selection is final and no feedback will be given.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following documentation should be submitted together to the AJSV. Please note that all information received will be kept confidential.

From the student:

- The completed application form
- One page submission by the applicant on 'Why I wish to participate in the exchange program'.

From parents and the student:

- A letter confirming their understanding of the school's travel guidelines (including overseas travel insurance requirement) and their consent to the student safety and risk management statement required by the AJSV (A prescribed form for this letter will be provided by the AJSV to the successful applicant(s) after the selection process.)

From the Principal:

A covering letter -

- Recommending the student and confirming that the student's current socio-economic situation could not bear normal school exchange program costs; and
- Confirming compliance of the school's overseas travel guidelines with the Victorian Government's travel guidelines and its consent to the student safety and risk management statement required by the AJSV. (A prescribed form for this letter will be provided by the Society to the successful applicant(s) after the selection process.)

From the Japanese Teacher

- A copy of the school's Japanese language program (showing levels taught in school)
- A copy of planned itinerary/details of exchange program (if this is not yet available, then the previous year's program will suffice)

FOLLOWING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM – IMPORTANT NOTICE

- The successful applicant(s) will be required to continue to inform the AJSV, up until graduation from high school, regarding:

- (a) the applicant's scores/grades in the Japanese language course at their school as soon as practicable after the end of each school year; and
- (b) whether the applicant has chosen Japanese in the Victorian Certificate of Education exams; and
- (c) whether the applicant has chosen to study Japanese or subjects related to Japan at tertiary institutions; or
- (d) whether the applicant has taken an occupation that is related to Japan.

DEADLINE:

All documentation to be received by Friday, 28 April 2017 by e-mail and by post at:
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