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Japan Securities Scholarship Foundation Educational Awards for Overseas Students General Information & Instructions for Scholarship Students for the 2008 Academic Year

The Japan Securities Scholarship Foundation (JSSF), founded in July 1973, is a legal entity created by donations from the securities industry in Japan to advance the public interest. Its main activity is to provide financial assistance to outstanding students and to subsidize programs for overseas exchange students to study and conduct research in Japan.

To promote academic and educational international exchange programs between Japan and other countries and to work for goodwill and friendly relations, JSSF announces it is now accepting applications for the JSSF Educational Awards for Overseas Students for the 2008 academic year, as a part of above-mentioned programs.

The general requirements and conditions are explained below:

1. Number of recipients

Approximately five students will be selected to receive scholarships for the 2008 academic year.

2. Scholarship Details

1) Travel Expenses

Round-trip, discount economy-class air ticket between Tokyo and the city in which the recipient resides in his/her home country will be provided.

2) Incidental Expenses

A one-time ¥30,000 lump-sum payment upon arrival in Japan.

3) Tuition and Other Educational Fees

The actual amount will be paid.

4) Living Expenses

¥150,000 per month; ¥180,000 when accompanied by family.

3. Duration of Scholarship

For those enrolled in a master's program, the JSSF scholarship covers two academic years, and for those pursuing a Ph.D., the scholarship is for three academic years. Each of these periods is the shortest curriculum required to obtain a master's or a doctor's degree.

4. Required Qualifications

An applicant for the JSSF Educational Award must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- 1) Be a graduate or a prospective graduate of a university in East or Southeast Asia requested for recommendation by JSSF and be a national of a country other than Japan.
- 2) Must major in economics, business administration, commercial science, financial theory or financial engineering.
- 3) Have had at least one year of experience in Japanese language education and possess the Japanese ability sufficient for graduate school entry examinations.

The Exchange Student Screening Committee may determine that the scholarship includes a period (up to one year) for undertaking intensive Japanese language training or studying as a research student at a graduate school, if the recipient needs such training or study prior to the commencement of his/her postgraduate study due to the lack of Japanese ability.

Accordingly, applicants who wish to become a research student or study Japanese for one year before entering their formal course in graduate school must state their reasons in column 14 (Japanese Ability) on the Application Form. (If there is no statement, they are not permitted to study prior to the commencement of his/her postgraduate study.)

- 4) The recipient must have had a GPA (cumulative or grade point average) of at least 3.5 or the equivalent while at their university or graduate school.)
- 5) Must be under 30 years old as of the application deadline.
- 6) Must be in need of financial assistance. (Cannot be receiving another scholarship.)
- 7) Have the potential to be a cultural bridge between Japan and other countries and to deepen mutual understanding in the global society.

5. Application Instructions

Applicants must complete the designated scholarship application form and send it together with the supplementary documents (listed below) to the Japan Securities Scholarship Foundation by mail.

- 1) Letters of recommendation written by the dean of the applicant's university and a professor who has instructed and counseled the applicant in his/her studies. These are confidential letters indicating the applicant's academic work, personality and potential, as well as Japanese language ability. If the applicant has already graduated from a university and is now working, another letter of recommendation from a qualified supervisor who knows the applicant well in his/her vocational field must be submitted in addition to the above two.
- 2) Academic transcripts, indicating ranking.
- 3) Enrollment Certificate (or Diploma/Graduation Certificate).
- 4) Medical certificate from a doctor indicating the applicant is able to engage in hard and intensive study away from home.

Note: 1. The application form and other documents will not be returned.

2. The General Information & Instructions for Scholarship Students and the application form can be downloaded (as a PDF file) from the JSSF website.

6. Deadline

The application and other required supplementary documents must be received by JSSF no later than May 31, 2007. (Applications received later than that date will not be accepted.)

7. Selection & Announcement of Awards

The board of directors of JSSF makes the final selection of those who will receive the scholarships after the selection committee has made the preliminary selection. The selected candidate, or the dean of the university who recommended the candidate, will be notified of the results by letter around the beginning of August 2007.

8. Suspension & Revocation of Scholarship

The JSSF Education Award may be suspended or revoked if the recipient becomes ill or contracts a disorder which prevents him/her from conducting research and study; if the recipient shows poor performance or an inability to continue his/her research and study (if the supervising professor judges the recipient is academically unable to complete the course); or if there is evidence of misconduct regarded as dishonorable to JSSF.

9. Send Documents To:

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