

<Application Guidelines for Japanese Language School Scholarship for Ukrainian Refugees>

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1. The purpose:

As Japan population decline, there is a demand for the establishment of a support system that enables talented foreigners, including refugees, to make use of their abilities and experience and play an active role in Japanese society. Currently, more than 2,000 Ukrainian refugees seek refuge in Japan, however, their stay in Japan is getting longer. On the other hand, an analysis of the results of a questionnaire survey of evacuees supported by the Japan Foundation shows that although about 40% of the evacuees are already employed, many of them do not have the opportunity to acquire sufficient Japanese language skills, lifestyle culture, and work culture. As a result, they have not been able to find a full-time job that allows them to use their skills and experience to become financially independent. Therefore, we will implement a scholarship program for evacuees to receive education on Japanese language, Japanese culture, and work culture based on a curriculum of 570 hours or more per year with the aim of finding employment (advance to higher education).

2. Details of support for scholarship students:

Support for tuition fees for refugees newly enrolled in Japanese language institutions for up to 2 years (maximum tuition fee: 1 million yen/year)

In addition to the above scholarships, transportation IC cards (uniformly 20,000 yen) and a library card (uniform amount of 30,000 yen)

3. Recruitment number:

100 people

4. Applicant Conditions:

(1) Being a Ukrainian refugee between the ages of 16 and 59 who has the desire to learn Japanese, with the aim of working full-time in Japan in the future (People already working part-time and in need to learn a language are also eligible).

② Applicants must be admitted to the Japanese language institution of their choice.

*Japanese language institutions eligible for scholarships are limited to institutions that have been pre-registered.

③ In principle, the applicant must not have been enrolled in a Japanese language institution, either at present or in the past, and will be newly enrolled.

(4) Receiving living expenses support from The Nippon Foundation.

5. Application acceptance period:

March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 (planned)

* Recruitment will end when the maximum number of participants reaches 100 even during the mentioned application period.

6. Application method

Please apply from the following “Scholarship Application Form” through the Japanese language institution where you plan to enroll.

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[Steps from application to enrollment]

(1) The Nippon Foundation accepts registrations of Japanese language educational institutions, that wish to participate,² and publishes the list of registered Japanese language educational institutions eligible for this scholarship.

② Refugees select the Japanese language institution they wish to enroll in from the list of registered Japanese language institutions.

(3) Refugees should contact the Japanese language institution of their choice and consult with them regarding course selection and other aspects of enrollment.

* Online course can be selected only if there is a problem with access to school.

④ After receiving permission for provisional admission from the Japanese language institution, submit the application form and statement of purpose, etc. to The Nippon Foundation through the Japanese language institution.

⑤ After screening by The Nippon Foundation, the results will be notified (scholarship recipients will be sent a voucher).

⑥ Refugees submit vouchers to Japanese language institutions and start attending school

7. Selection method

Document review and hearing

8. Selection perspective

- Does the applicant meet the conditions?
- Whether the applicant has a desire to study Japanese and work.

9. Scholarship payment method

When the scholarship is decided, after half a year, after one year, and after one and a half years, our foundation receives an invoice from the Japanese language institution and pays directly to the Japanese language institution.

10. Others

If you become a beneficiary student of this scholarship, please take the following actions, so please apply only if you agree in advance.

(1) Attend at least 80% of classes, except for unavoidable reasons.

(2) Cooperate in answering interviews and questionnaires, submitting experience reports, and participating in support events for scholarship students (free of charge) while receiving the scholarship.

③ Participate in the Nippon Foundation Ukrainian Refugee Support Network, which aims to support and share information with refugees, including scholarship students.

※If your attendance rate in the last half of the year was less than 50% without justifiable reason; if you returned to your home country without permission, or if you did not cooperate with interviews and questionnaires, etc., we (The Nippon Foundation) will confirm the circumstances, and the scholarship payment for the next and subsequent terms may be suspended. The details of the reason for cancellation will depend on the pledge submitted at the time of application.