

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation

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CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO SCHOLARSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

(U.S. Citizen Applicant)

Academic Year 2027 - 2028

It is the purpose of this Scholarship to promote understanding and friendly relations between the people of the United States and Japan.

The Scholarship recipient must act in the dual capacity of a student in learning and as an unofficial “American Ambassador of Goodwill.” In this respect, the Scholar is expected to maintain high standards of achievement and integrity while serving as a bridge of understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

QUALIFICATIONS: U.S. citizenship is required. Must be enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) and must be in good academic standing. The scholarship is conditioned upon the student remaining enrolled at UHM during the pendency of the award grant or if the student will be on a leave of absence or other authorized leave, the student must sign a notarized certificate declaring the student's intent to return to UH Manoa after completing their study abroad as a CPASF Scholar. A detailed and complete study plan including budget is required. Selection is based solely on qualifications, without respect to economic status, race, gender, age, marital status, or religion. Proficiency in Japanese language is not a requirement if the intended course of study is in English. An assessment will be made if the proposed course of study requires proficiency in the language.

FIELD OF STUDY: The scholarship is awarded for one academic year (with a maximum of two academic years, subject to reapplication) for study in any graduate field at UHM, including the professional schools. The subject area of study should lead to better understanding and friendship between the people of Japan and the United States.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The scholarship is awarded for the academic year 2027-2028. (Should the successful 2027-2028 recipient, while studying in Japan, become interested in applying for a second year, 2028-2029, he/she must submit the application for the 2028-2029 academic year and compete with all applicants for the 2028-2029 academic year.)

The total amount of the scholarship is \$45,000. Of this, \$30,000 will be paid in three equal installments during the year. In addition, \$15,000 is awarded for tuition and fees, cost-of-living-allowance, and round-trip airfare from Honolulu to Japan.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Board selects the Scholarship recipient.

During the year of study under this Scholarship, the Scholar may not accept any gainful employment or any other scholarships without the prior approval of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation.

THE APPLICANT

QUALIFICATIONS: In order to serve as an effective bridge of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and Japan, the ideal candidate should possess the following:

- a. A positive attitude; a sincere interest in and understanding of cross-cultural relationships; excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- b. Knowledge of the history, culture, and current affairs of the U.S. as they relate to Japan.
- c. Demonstrated high standards in his/her academic studies and potential for distinguished achievement, personally and professionally.

CRITERIA FOR SCREENING: All Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Screening Committee based on the following criteria:

- a. Academic qualifications based upon graduate-level grade point average and the relevance of courses to research or study
- b. Ability to conduct relevant research
- c. A coherent plan of study in Japan
- d. Career goals
- e. Recommendations of professors
- f. Professional bearing and demeanor

REVOCATION OF AWARD: The Scholarship may be revoked if the Scholar fails to meet the Foundation's standards of academic performance and personal conduct, or those of the institution of attendance.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION: The applicant must read carefully the "Applicant's Certification" included in the application form and sign the Certification to attest to his/her understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities and obligations of the Scholarship and the conditions under which the Scholarship may be revoked.

ACADEMIC RECORD: The official transcript from all colleges and universities the applicant has attended must be mailed directly to the CPASF office from the respective educational institutions. **All transcripts become part of the application package and are due by the application deadline.**

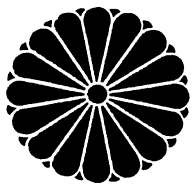
RECOMMENDATIONS: Signed recommendation letters from two university professors must be mailed directly to the CPASF office. **All recommendation letters become part of the application package and are due by the application deadline.**

NO CVs or BIOs: Please note, do not include a CV or Biography with your application. All information you wish to convey to the Screening Committee and the Board of Trustees must either be in your application or in your Statement of Purpose. You may also provide more information about yourself in the interviews.

INTERVIEWS: Applicants must appear before the Screening Committee on **November 13, 2026 via Zoom**. Finalists must appear in person or via Zoom if they are off-island before the CPASF Board of Trustees on **December 7, 2026**.

REPORT: A written report is to be submitted to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Administrative Office within six (6) weeks after the completion of the Scholar's course of study. The report should include the following information:

- a. Narrative summarizing activities, accomplishments, and challenges encountered during the year. Please include any suggestions that may be useful to future scholars.
- b. Written assessment from the academic adviser.
- c. Grade sheets or transcripts (if available)



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APPLICATION FOR THE CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO SCHOLARSHIP

ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028

(Please print or type)

Name in full: _____

(Do not use initials. Family name should be in all capital letters.)

Permanent mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Current address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Person to notify in case of emergency (name, relationship, address, phone number): _____

Proposed major field of study: _____ Graduate-Degree Program: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

The complete application must be postmarked or submitted with all substantiating materials to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, 1600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 204, Honolulu, HI 96814, no later than October 30, 2026, 4:30pm (Hawaii time).

Applicants will be interviewed by the Screening Committee on **November 13, 2026 via Zoom**. Please be certain to include an email address, mailing address, and phone number where you can be contacted. Finalists will be interviewed by the CPASF Board in-person or via Zoom if they are off-island on **December 7, 2026**. If you will not be on Oahu on that date, please make arrangements with Marsha Yokomichi at myokomichi@jashawaii.org.

The application must be completed fully. Please attach supplementary sheets as needed, with your name provided on the upper-right-hand corner. The following are required:

1. Explain the reasons you are applying for this Scholarship. Your narrative should include your field of study, career objectives, and how this Scholarship will enable you to fulfill your academic and career goals. Please also describe how this experience abroad will benefit you. Finally, please provide a chronology of your work experience with dates and a brief description of duties/accomplishments and describe how these experiences will help you reach your long-range objectives.
2. Read the Applicant's Certification. Sign the Certification to indicate that you agree with the stipulations of the Scholarship, and that you accept the responsibilities and obligations of the Scholarship, and the conditions for its revocation.
3. The following supplementary documents are required to complete your application:
 - a. Signed letters of recommendation from two professors who are familiar with your course of study and can attest to your academic achievement and potential. Letters must be mailed directly to the CPASF Office.
 - b. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you attended. Transcripts must be mailed directly to the CPASF Office.
4. Medical Certification After Selection: The successful applicant will be provisionally awarded the Scholarship, pending a medical note or certification prepared by a licensed physician that must be submitted to the CPASF Office within 14 days of notification of the Scholarship award. The purpose of this medical notification is to ensure that there will be "no foreseen medical problems that may preclude the applicant from completing his/her study abroad."

SUMMARY OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION HISTORY

(academic, professional, technical, etc.)

Name of Institute and Location**Dates Attended****Degree, Certificate or Diploma and Date
Received or Expected**

ACADEMIC HONORS received (briefly describe the qualifications for each), if any

SCHOLARSHIPS received, if any.

ACTIVITIES: List all extra-curricular and volunteer activities you are engaged in. Describe all leadership positions held. List any honors, prize and awards received.

PUBLIC-SPEAKING: Describe your training and experience in public speaking.

INSTITUTIONS

List in order of your preference the three institutions of higher education that you are preparing to attend in Japan, after careful research on the field of study, requirements for admission, date of commencement of academic year, and language of instruction. Please provide a full explanation in your study plan.

NAME OF INSTITUTION

CITY

1ST CHOICE

REASON:

2ND CHOICE

REASON:

3RD CHOICE

REASON:

LANGUAGE TRAINING INFORMATION

Proficiency in the Japanese language is not a requirement if your course of study will be undertaken in English.

1. Summarize the formal training which you have had, starting with the most recent.

Dates: Month & Year	Language Studied	Average hours per week	Course Grade	Institution

2. Describe any non-formal language training that you undertook.

3. List Japanese language certification tests that you have taken.

Test Name: _____ Date Taken: _____ Score: _____

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

☐ I am a new / returning applicant and have never received the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship before; or

☐ I am previous recipient of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship.

If I am selected to receive the Scholarship, I agree to:

1. Secure and provide a written note or certification by a licensed physician stating that I have no major medical problems that would preclude me from studying abroad. This document must be mailed directly to the CPASF Office within 14 calendar days of provisional notification of the Scholarship. Failure to complete this step may result in revocation of the Scholarship.
2. Purchase, at my own expense, insurance valid in the country of my study and in places where I will travel. A minimum of US\$1,000 equivalent for medical care and/or hospitalization resulting from illness or accident, plus a minimum of US\$2,000 or equivalent for accidental death or dismemberment is required. Certification must be submitted to the CPASF before departure from Honolulu.
3. Maintain a high level of scholarship and to make no change in my field of study without the consent of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation.
4. Not to accept any award, grant, fellowship, scholarship or employment for remuneration during the period of Scholarship without the prior approval of the CPASF. (It is understood that the foregoing is not intended to prohibit acceptance of financial aid intended to defray the expenses of a spouse or dependents.)
5. Commence study at an accredited school, college, university/cultural institution, or research facility within twelve (12) months after notification of award.
6. Submit a "Certificate of Admission" to receive the first payment and to submit tuition receipts to receive the tuition supplement, if applicable.
7. Adhere to the terms of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship as described in the General Information sheet, which I have received and read.
8. Submit a written report to the CPASF within six weeks after completion of the school year. See General Information Sheet for report content.
9. Wholeheartedly support the CPASF in the future, including helping fellow CPASF scholars and the alumni association in promoting the United States-Japan relationship.

I understand and agree that should the Scholarship be suspended or revoked, I may not identify myself as a Crown Prince Akihito Scholar and will be required to return all Scholarship monies received to date.

I understand that the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation assumes no responsibility for nor obligation to me whatsoever beyond providing the Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant – Must be Signed
(no electronic signatures)

Date

Revised: 8/3/26