

Outline of the Aichi Scholarship Program (FY2026)

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 2026.

1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) **Citizenship:** Applicants must be citizens of and currently reside in United Nations Member States (excluding Japan and North Korea). Citizens of Vatican City, Kosovo, Cook Islands, Niue, and Taiwan are also eligible.
- (2) **Age:** Applicants must be under 35 years of age as of April 1, 2026, i.e. born on or after April 2, 1991.
- (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 either at a company whose headquarters is in Aichi, or at the Aichi branch of a company whose headquarters is located outside Aichi.
- (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 2026 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 2027 allowing them to take the entrance examination for graduate school which starts in April 2027.

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 2027.

(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 2026 to March 2027.
- b. After arriving in Japan, applicants must enroll in the national health insurance system.

2. NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED

Five scholarship recipients for 2026.

3. WHAT WE PROVIDE

The Aichi Scholarship Program provides the following:

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

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

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

The living allowance will be reduced to 100,000 yen per month from April 2028 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 2028. 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 cover necessary expenses.

b. Travel expenses from Japan

As a general rule, airfare for the 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 2026 and ending March 2029. However, if arrival to Japan is on or after October 2, the amount granted for the arrival month shall be calculated on a pro-rata basis based on the number of days from the date of arrival to the last day of the month in question.

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 2027, 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 2029, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of February 2029.

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 to the Aichi Prefectural Government by Friday May 15, 2026.
- (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 June 2026.
- (4) **Required Documents:**
 - a. Documents to be submitted by the recommending organization 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 industry in Aichi Prefecture based on the applicant's intention, purpose, and significance of the research, as well as Assessment of Japanese Language Proficiency.
 - (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 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.)

(e) Report on the Organizational Readiness of the Recommending Organization (Form 7)

- Describe the support provided by the recommending organization for employment at companies in Aichi, support for Japanese-language learning, and support for student life (such as the availability of dormitories and tuition assistance). Also include initiatives that encourage long-term settlement in the local area, such as activities to enhance regional understanding and opportunities for community interaction and attach relevant reference materials.

b. 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 Cumulative 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)

Note 1) The above documents should be written in Japanese or English and typed if possible.

Note 2) If "13 Proposed Study Plan" or "14 Proposed Work Plan After

Completing the Program" in the (a) application form or (g) recommendations 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 the recommending organization (address, department, phone number, e-mail) on a contact information sheet and attach it to the recommendation letter written by the professor in charge.

- (5) **Application:** Applications should be submitted by the recommending organization by mail or email to the following address. Please try to send documents by email.

E-mail address : kokusai@pref.aichi.lg.jp (Note: email size limit is 14MB.)

6. SCHEDULE AFTER APPLICATION

- (1) **June 2026:** The Aichi Scholarship Program Selection Committee chooses the accepted Aichi Scholarship students and notifies recommending universities of the results.
- (2) **October 2026:** Aichi Scholarship students come to Japan and start studying at the recommending universities as research students.
- (3) **April 2027:** 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 2027. 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 2027, the scholarship will be terminated at the end of March 2027.
- (4) **March 2029:** Aichi Scholarship students complete their studies. (The living allowance for March 2029 will not be paid if a student fails to earn notification of employment by the end of January 2029.)

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.