

2026 MNCC Scholarship Program

Japan Homestay

MNCC scholarship program was established in 2000. The funds have been raised by MNCC exchange students through volunteer activities during the homestay programs in the United States. It includes donations from students as well as host families who participated in our programs. For this scholarship program, we also have received a lot of support from host families and Teacher Coordinators. And hereby, we are pleased to announce that we invite American students to Japan as “American Ambassadors”. We hope that this opportunity will become one of the best lifetime experiences for participants by interacting with Japanese school, Japanese culture and Japanese family.

◆Requirements for application

- Must meet at least one of the following criteria;
 - ✓ Have GPA 3.2 or higher.
 - ✓ Have achieved outstanding results in extra curricular activities.
 - ✓ Have displayed significant dedication to community service.
 - ✓ A certified copy of latest transcript, reference letter or proper support document must be attached.
- Must be from 15 to 18 years of age at the time of homestay period.
- Must be in good mental & physical health condition.
- Must have a positive personality and have an interest in Japanese culture, custom, and cultural exchange.
- Applicant parents and school must acknowledge the purpose of this program and agree with his/her participation.

◆Program Period

About 2 weeks beginning in late November or early December 2026 (*Schedule is subject to change.)

◆Application Period

August 1, 2026 ~ September 25, 2026

◆Where to stay

You will be staying in either the peaceful suburbs of Kyushu area, located in the southern part of Japan

◆Activities

You will attend Japanese school from Mon to Fri. Observe the differences between Japanese school systems and yours. Enjoy the weekends as a part of Japanese family.

◆Costs covered by the scholarship

- Round trip airfare from the US to Japan
 - *Meals are provided by host families. Extra expenses in case of eating out are excluded.

◆Other expenses

- Traveler's insurance
- Payment of medical costs for injury or sickness
- Other incidental costs

◆Required documents

- Application form *available on our website
- Two letters of recommendation (One from your school principal and the other is from teacher.)
- Supporting documents for the required criteria
Ex: Latest transcript, recommendation letter from a coach, volunteer certificates etc.
- Letter to Japanese host family
- A few photos of yourself and your family
- Waiver & Release form *available on our website
- Essay: “The reason why I am a good candidate to receive this scholarship.” (*500 words or more)
- Self introduction video
We encourage you to make a 1 to 2 minute video in your home/school environment talking about what you like to do and why you want to participate in this scholarship program. Submit your video via email.
- Passport copy

◆Where to submit the documents

All the required documents indicated above must be submitted to MNCC office via email by the application deadline date.

Email: japanhomestay@mncc.jp

◆Contact :

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