



THE TOSHIZO WATANABE STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Toshizo Watanabe Endowed Scholarship Fund's *Toshizo Watanabe Study Abroad Scholarship* provides financial assistance to undergraduates or graduate students for a semester or year-long study abroad program in either the United States or Japan. A generous endowment gift of \$10 million from Mr. Toshizo (Tom) Watanabe to the U.S.-Japan Council makes it possible to award scholarships to students for whom study abroad would not be possible without financial support.

The scholarship will support up to the full cost of attendance to the study abroad program of the applicant's choice. The scholarship program grants awards to recipients in amounts determined by financial need and other qualifications.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Beginning in 2018, both American and Japanese students who are undertaking international study in either the United States or Japan will be eligible to apply for the Watanabe Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. Are *U.S.* or *Japanese citizens*
2. Currently in *good academic standing* at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Japan
3. Will be enrolled in a credit-bearing course of study at a college, university or approved academic center in the U.S. or Japan
4. Demonstrates *financial need* for international study (i.e. Without financial assistance or support, would not be able to study abroad)
5. Preference will be given to applicants who have been raised by a *single parent* or who have lost both parents (i.e. *orphan*)

2016-17 SCHOLARS AT-A GLANCE

70% women 30% men	All undergrads	\$16,000 Average Scholarship Amount	40% from single-parent household	20% TOMODACHI Alumni

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must complete an online application using the scholarship portal. The following materials comprise the materials that must be submitted in application for the scholarship.

More info and FAQ help - http://www.usjapanCouncil.org/watanabe_scholarship

- **Application Form**
- **Personal statement essay**
- **Resume**
- **Letter of Recommendation**
- **Study Abroad Advisor Certification letter**
- **Financial Aid Certification letter**
- **Academic transcript (optional)**



About the U.S.-Japan Council

The U.S.-Japan Council is a 501(c) 3 non-profit educational organization that contributes to strengthening U.S.-Japan relations by bringing together diverse leadership, engaging stakeholders and exploring issues that benefit communities, businesses and government entities on both sides of the Pacific. The Council cultivates an international network of members, and collaborates with other organizations and institutions to develop programs that allow members to engage with their counterparts in the United States and Japan. The Council promotes people-to-people relations as crucial to a strong U.S.-Japan relationship.



“I challenge you to be persistent, in pursuing your goals. Perseverance will accomplish many things - 継続は力なり”

— Mr. Toshizo Watanabe
Watanabe Scholars Leadership Weekend
Feb 2017, Los Angeles

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

September 1- December 31, 2017	Virtual Information Sessions
Mid - September 2017	Watanabe Scholarship Representatives travel to Study Abroad Fairs and Universities (Japan)
January 1, 2018	Online Application Open
February 15, 2018	Application Deadline
April 15 - 30, 2018	Finalist Notification
May 1 - 15, 2018	Scholarship Decisions Announced
June 5, 2018	Scholarship Acceptance Deadline
June - August, 2018	Scholarship Disbursement

* Please note the timeline is tentative and is only meant to give a sense of the scholarship application cycle.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are graduate and degree-seeking students eligible for the scholarship?

Yes, you are eligible to apply. However, please note the scholarship is only for a maximum of one year of support. If you receive it you may reapply for a second or third year, however there is no guarantee that you will be awarded it again.

Do I apply for the scholarship directly or does my university in Japan have to nominate me?

Each student must apply directly for the scholarship. University offices or staff are NOT permitted to submit documents/applications on behalf of their students for this scholarship.

Can I combine the Watanabe Scholarship with other scholarships I may receive to support study abroad?

Yes, you may combine other scholarships with the Watanabe scholarship up to the full cost of attendance for your study abroad.

Does applying for less money increase my chances of receiving this scholarship?

No it does not. The goal is to offer up-to full financial support to students for study abroad. You should apply for the amount you need.

CONTACT

Members of the Watanabe Scholarship Team are located in both the Washington, DC Headquarters and Tokyo office of the U.S.-Japan Council. For all inquiries, email is preferred – watanabescholarship@usjapanCouncil.org. No telephone inquiries please.