

More Jobs Better Lives Foundation

2021

Scholarship Program
Application Requirements
for Self-funded International Students

The MJBL Foundation provides support in the fields of human resource development, job creation, facilitating new employment opportunities, and contributing to the improvement of living standards in developing countries and regions overseas.

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Introduction

The goals of this scholarship program are as follows:

- To support the development of human resources that can contribute to the improvement of the standard of living in developing countries by utilizing their past studies and research
- To support the development of human resources involved in agriculture and agribusiness
- To develop human resources who demonstrate superior leadership to create job opportunities
- In addition to meeting basic human needs, the Foundation aims to use methods suitable for the target area and develop human resources who can plan and implement creative solutions to social issues
- To build a platform for people who can share ideas, solutions, and knowledge, and participate in the MJBL network, regardless of nationality, gender, or creed

I Application Requirements

The following requirements are applicable to all applicants.

- 1) Area of Study • Research/ Ideal Candidate (Some or all may apply)
 - Those who are studying or conducting research on agriculture in relation to marketing, local communities, administrative systems applicable to employment, entrepreneurship, business development, management, etc. in developing countries
 - Those who are studying or conducting research on agriculture in developing countries and regions
 - Those who are interested in improving the standard of living in developing countries or regions
 - Those who are interested in the business of processing, selling, distributing, and storing agricultural produce
- 2) Nationality and Visa
 - ① Scholars with citizenship from the following countries are eligible to apply, provided they are attending an educational institution accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda,

Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Yemen, or Zambia.

※ Scholars with Japanese citizenship are not eligible.

- ② Applicants must possess “College Student” or “Permanent Resident” visa status in October 2021.

3) Registered School Year/Course

- ① In October 2021, applicants must be registered in their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year, if attending undergraduate school, their 1st or 2nd year of graduate school, OR their 1st or 2nd year if completing their doctorate.
- ② Scholars planning to attend as full-time students in Japan may apply, providing they have been accepted to attend a Japanese university.
- ③ Foreign exchange, government-sponsored, or other fee-exempt scholars are NOT eligible to apply.

4) Age

- ① In October 2021, applicants should be 30 years of age or younger (undergraduate) or 35 years of age or younger (graduate/doctorate).

5) Academic and Health

- ① Those who are of sound mind and body with a history of excellent academic performance
- ② Those who are willing to contribute to the development of their own country by making use of their study abroad in Japan and future research and experience
- ③ Those who have a clear purpose or plan for their research and the effectiveness of the results of their studies can be relied on

6) Others

- ① Those who are not working as full-time employees
- ② Those who need financial support
- ③ Those who can participate in scholarship social gatherings held twice a year in Tokyo

II Scholarship Details

1) Payment Amount

Undergraduate (Bachelors) 100,000 yen/month

Graduate (Masters or Ph.D.) 120,000 yen/month

※ Repayment is not required.

2) Payment Period

Start : October 2021

End : Undergraduate until the month of graduation from the current institution

Graduate until the month of graduation from the current institution

※ Payment will be stopped in the event of participation in a study abroad or exchange program.

3) Payment Method

Bank transfer once per month to an account bearing the recipient's name

4) MJBL Scholar Obligations

◇ Monthly Reports

The report is a 500-character essay related to your studies.

◇ Scholarship Social Gatherings

Applicants should be willing to participate in approximately 2 gatherings a year in the spirit of fostering international/intercultural understanding between other successful applicants. The gatherings will be held in Tokyo and transportation fees will be covered by the Foundation.

◇ Academic Performance

The applicant must submit their transcript at the end of the school term to confirm their academic status and GPA OR doctoral students will submit a report from their advisor confirming the progression of their work and study.

◇ Communication with the Foundation

i.e., regarding the case in which an approved scholar will be outside of Japan for longer than one month. If the applicant leaves Japan for longer than 2 months, the Foundation will cease to award the scholarship during their absence.

III Application Process

1) Application Period

Thursday, April 1, 2021 to Friday, April 30, 2021

※ Must arrive or be postmarked by April 30, 2021

※ Changes to the application deadline are possible, so apply in a timely manner.

2) Number of Successful Applicants

1-2 applicants

3) How to Apply

① Apply online using the form on our website mjblfoundation.org

② Prepare the documents outlined in the checklist below and submit them by mail.

<<Application Address>>

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Submission Checklist

- Recommendation Letter
(Signed and sealed by the recommender)
- 2 color photos
(5cmx3.5cm, no background, taken within the last 3 months)
- Original Copy of Enrollment Verification Form
(Document that confirms you are a student at your current university)
- Copy of Acceptance Letter
(Not required if you have not yet received it or you are planning to attend the same university.)
- Copy of Resident Card
(Front and back, color copy)
- Copy of Passport
(Copy of page with photo, color copy)
- Original Transcript
(Last 2 semesters or (1st year students only) latest semester transcripts)
- Copy of Lease/Rent Agreement
(If you live in a dormitory, please submit documentation, i.e. a receipt.
If you with others, submit proof of your contribution.)

If you have them:

- Japanese Language School Transcript Copy
- Japanese Language Proficiency Test Score Copy (N1 Only)

IV Selection Process

1) Initial Review Early May

Interview Early June

※ Transportation expenses provided within Japan.

※ Interview conducted in Japanese.

Results Late June

※ The interview is planned to be in person.

However, depending on circumstances, an online interview may also be possible.

※ All applicants will be notified via email of the selection results and must accept or reject the offer of scholarship by Friday, July 30, 2021.

2) Successful Applicants

Successful applicants are required to participate in a social gathering held in early August.

V Other Scholarships

- ① Our foundation does not accept applicants who are currently receiving more than 100,000 yen from other scholarship sources. (Those who are receiving loan-based scholarships may apply.)
- ② If the applicant applies for another scholarship that exceeds the limit at the same time as the MJBL scholarship, they must choose which to accept.
- ③ If an applicant is found to be receiving more than 100,000 yen from other scholarships during the award period, the applicant must pay back the amount that was awarded to them during that time in full.
- ④ If a scholarship recipient leaves Japan for more than 2 months, payments will be stopped.

VI Precautions

An applicant who has been successful in the selection process and confirmed as a scholarship recipient of our foundation may have their scholarship revoked if any of the following misbehaviors has been discovered:

Suspension

- ① the scholar participates in a separate study abroad program (including to countries outside of Japan) or takes a temporary leave of absence from school.
- ② the scholar is unable to continue their studies due to illness or other valid reasons

Termination

- ① the approved scholar withdraws from or is suspended by their academic institution
- ② the approved scholar is expelled by their academic institution
- ③ the approved scholar submitted false documents during the application process
- ④ the approved scholar frequently submits their monthly report late or does not submit it at all
- ⑤ the approved scholar does not attend the gatherings in Tokyo
(only school or illness related absences will be accepted)
- ⑥ the approved scholar breaks the law and/or disturbs public order
- ⑦ the approved scholar does anything to harm the reputation of the Foundation
- ⑧ the approved scholar's performance in school is inadequate
(for example, repeating a year or their GPA is lower than 2.3)
- ⑨ when an instructor determines the student to be ineligible to continue their studies and/or research

More Jobs Better Lives Foundation
Privacy Policy

The following privacy policy sets out how the More Jobs Better Lives Foundation (the "Foundation") uses and protects any information that you provide. The Foundation is devoted to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified, you can be assured that such information will only be used in accordance with this privacy statement.

1. Legal Compliance

The Foundation will strictly comply with Personal Information Protection Act and this Personal Information Protection Policy, when handling Personal Information. For the purpose of this Personal Information Protection Policy, "Personal Information" means information of a living individual which can identify the specific individual.

2. Acquisition of Personal Information

The Foundation will explicitly establish the purposes of use of Personal Information and notify and/or announce such purposes. The Company will acquire Personal Information in a lawful and appropriate manner.

3. Use of Personal Information

The Foundation will use Personal Information only within the scope of the purposes of use of Personal Information unless otherwise the consent of the principal identified by the relevant Personal Information is obtained or unless authorized by applicable laws.

4. Management of Personal Information

The Foundation will continuously take all measures necessary from technical and organizational point of view to prevent unauthorized access to personal data, loss, destruction, falsification, and leakage of personal data. The Foundation will educate its officers and staff on proper handling of personal data.

5. Provision of Personal Information to a Third Party

The Foundation will not provide personal data to any Third Party without the consent of the principal identified by the relevant personal data or unless authorized by applicable laws.

6. Requests Concerning Acquired Personal Information

When the principal identified requests disclosure, correction, suspension of use etc. of the relevant retained personal data under applicable laws and other related legislation, the Foundation will respond properly to such request.

7. Internal Structure of Personal Information Management

The Foundation will establish internal structure to ensure prompt and appropriate response to inquiries and complaints from the principal identified concerning the handling of Personal Information.

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