



College Women's Association of Japan

ANNOUNCEMENT

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
OF JAPAN**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
2015**

2015 年度 CWAJ 奨学金 募集要項

The College Women's Association of Japan (CWAJ) is a volunteer organization of international women dedicated to encouraging educational and cultural exchange between Japanese-speaking people and English-speaking people of all nationalities. CWAJ is offering the following scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. CWAJ awards merit scholarships that are based on candidates' academic excellence, the quality and feasibility of their proposed study, and their potential to contribute to society. CWAJ encourages qualified applicants of any age to apply and does not impose restrictions on field of study.

I. GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR JAPANESE WOMEN TO STUDY ABROAD (SA)

One Scholarship, ¥3.0 Million

CWAJ 海外留学大学院女子奨学金 (1名、300万円)

The Study Abroad Program supports graduate study at English-speaking universities and research institutions abroad for women who are Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must:

- Be women who are Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan from the time of application until the end of March 2015. Individuals currently studying or working abroad are ineligible.
- Have graduated with a degree from a Japanese university (4 year course) by June 2015.
- Submit a TOEFL score of at least **570 (IBT 88)** if applying for a graduate degree in the natural sciences, math, medicine or engineering, and **600 (IBT 98)** if applying for a degree in any other field. The TOEFL must have been taken after October 1, 2012. Applicants may submit an IELTS score instead of TOEFL score. The IELTS score must be at least 6.5 if applying for a graduate degree in the natural sciences, math, medicine or engineering, and 7.0 if applying for a degree in any other field. IELTS must have been taken after October 1, 2012.
- Be accepted in a graduate degree program at an accredited, English-speaking university or research institution abroad by March 31, 2015 and must be enrolled within that year for the 2015-2016 academic year.

2. The following are ineligible:

- Applicants who have studied abroad at the college level in an English-speaking institution for more than two (2) academic years.
- Holders of scholarships greater than ¥2.0 million from any other scholarship programs for the duration of the CWAJ Scholarship. Financial aid and awards from the university where the applicant will study may not be subject to the same limitation.
- Former recipients of CWAJ awards and members of CWAJ.

II. GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR NON-JAPANESE WOMEN TO STUDY IN JAPAN (NJG)

One Scholarship, ¥2.0 Million

CWAJ外国人留学生大学院女子奨学金 (1名、200万円)

The Non-Japanese Graduate Program supports graduate study in Japan for non-Japanese women who are enrolled in a degree program at a Japanese university.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must:

- Be non-Japanese, non-permanent resident women who will be enrolled in a degree program in a graduate school of a Japanese university from April 2015 to March 2016.
- Be residing in Japan at the time of application for study purposes.
- Submit essay in both English and Japanese.

2. The following are ineligible:

- Holders of scholarships greater than ¥1.5 million from any other scholarship programs for the duration of the CWAJ Scholarship. Financial aid and awards from the university where the applicant will study may not be subject to the same limitation.
- Former recipients of CWAJ awards and members of CWAJ.

III. SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED TO STUDY ABROAD (SVI-SA)

One Scholarship, ¥3.0 Million

CWAJ 視覚障害学生海外留学奨学金 (1名、300万円)

The Scholarship for the Visually Impaired to Study Abroad program supports individuals with visual impairment who are Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan for graduate or undergraduate study abroad.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must:
 - Be visually impaired men or women, with a Certificate of Disability Grade 1-6.
 - Be Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan, living in Japan from the time of application until the end of March 2015.
 - Have completed at least two years of undergraduate study (four-year course) in Japan by March 2015.
 - Have graduated with a degree from a Japanese university (four-year course) by March 2015, if applying for a graduate award.
 - Be accepted in a program at an accredited university or research institution abroad by March 31, 2015 and must be enrolled within that year for the 2015-2016 academic year.
 - Submit a TOEFL or IELTS score at the time of application. The TOEFL or IELTS must have been taken after October 1, 2012.
2. The following are ineligible:
 - Holders of scholarships greater than ¥2.0 million from any other scholarship programs for the duration of the CWAJ Scholarship. Financial aid and awards from the university where the applicant will study and disability pension may not be subject to the same limitation.
 - Members of CWAJ.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED TO STUDY IN JAPAN (SVI-SJ)

Two Scholarships, ¥1.5 Million

CWAJ 視覚障害学生奨学金 (2名、各 150万円)

The Scholarship for the Visually Impaired to Study in Japan program supports visually impaired Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan for graduate or undergraduate study in Japan.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must:
 - Be visually impaired men or women, with a Certificate of Disability Grade 1-6.
 - Be Japanese nationals or special permanent residents of Japan, living in Japan at the time of application.
 - Applicants for an undergraduate award must have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies in a Japanese university (four-year course) by March 2015, and must be accepted for a third or fourth year in a university program by March 31, 2015.
 - Applicants for a graduate award must have graduated with a degree from a Japanese university (four-year course) by March 2015, and must be accepted in a graduate degree program by March 31, 2015.
2. The following are ineligible:
 - Holders of scholarships greater than ¥1.0 million from any other scholarship programs for the duration of the CWAJ Scholarship. Financial aid and awards from the university where the applicant will study and disability pension may not be subject to the same limitation.
 - Former recipients of CWAJ awards and members of CWAJ.

V. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Obtaining Application Forms

- a) **SA and NJG Program:** Application forms are available **ONLY** on the CWAJ website.
 b) **SVI-SJ and SVI-SA Programs:** Application forms may be downloaded from the CWAJ website:
- for **SVI-SA:** <http://cwaj.org/Scholarship/svi-sa.htm>
 - for **SVI-SJ:** <http://cwaj.org/Scholarship/svi-sj.htm>

Requests for SVI application forms will also be accepted by email and postal mail. Email requests should be made to: scholarship@cwaj.org.

To obtain an application form by postal mail, write to the address below by **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**. Enclose a self-addressed envelope (12cm x 23.5cm).

Use the address below as a mailing label. Please circle the SVI program you are requesting.

<p>141-0021 CWAJ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CWAJ CENTER 2-24-13-703 Kami-Osaki, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo</p> <p><i>APPLICATION REQUEST SVI-SA SVI-SJ</i></p>

2. Submitting Applications

- a) Application submission by email is **NOT** acceptable.
 b) **Period of acceptance:** Applications must be postmarked between (inclusive)

NJG: Thursday, October 9 and Wednesday, October 22, 2014

SA: Friday, October 24 and Tuesday, November 4, 2014

SVI-SA or SVI-SJ: Tuesday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 18, 2014

- c) **Do not send by registered mail (*yubin kakitome*) or takuhaibin.**
 d) Completed applications must be mailed to the address below.

**Insert the initials of the scholarship program to which you are applying in the address below.*

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CWAJ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (*) PROGRAM
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- e) Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Extra documents will be disregarded. No documents will be returned.

VI. INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION

Interviews of the finalists will be held in Tokyo. Candidates should plan to be available during the month when interviews are being held and will be notified at least two weeks in advance if they have been selected for an interview. Applicants will be notified of the results in writing. CWAJ reserves the right to make its own selections and does not discuss any of its decisions.

All CWAJ scholarship applicants are required to be living in Japan at the time of their application. We regret, therefore, we are unable to accept applications from outside Japan.