# 2027 Admissions Guide – Japanese Language Department

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## School Information

| Item | Details |
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## Admission Policy

Our school's educational foundation is its motto, "Passion, Strength, Sincerity." Through GLI education (Global, Local, Individual), we aim to develop individuals who will change the world for the better. We welcome applicants with the following qualities:

- **Passion and sincerity:** Shares our school motto and can study diligently every day with a sincere attitude.
- **Global and local perspective:** Wishes to contribute to the local community and the world while developing their own individuality.
- **Communication skills:** Actively engages with others and seeks mutual understanding across language and cultural barriers.
- **Will to shape the future:** Shares our goal of "making the world a better place than when we were born," and is committed to learning and self-improvement toward that goal.

## Courses and Capacity

All courses aim for students to reach **B2 level** on the Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education, the Japanese proficiency required for admission to higher education institutions. The status of residence for all courses is **"Student" (Ryugaku)**.

| Course | Length of study | Intake | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|
| Academic Preparation 1-Year Course | 1 year | April | 40 |
| Academic Preparation | 2 years | April | 80 |

| Course | Length of study | Intake | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2-Year Course | | | |
| Academic Preparation 1.5-Year Course | 1 year 6 months | October | 20 |

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements.

1. Has completed at least 12 years of school education in a foreign country, or an equivalent program.
2. Is at least 18 years old at the time of enrollment.
3. Meets the following Japanese language requirement for the chosen course:
    - **2-Year Course:** Japanese proficiency equivalent to A1 on the Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education, or at least 150 hours of Japanese language study.
    - **1.5-Year Course:** Japanese proficiency equivalent to A2.
    - **1-Year Course:** Japanese proficiency equivalent to B1.
4. Has a strong will to study Japanese.
5. Is able to pay tuition and living expenses during the period of study in Japan, or has a reliable financial sponsor who will pay these expenses.
6. Has never violated Japanese law and received a penalty. Has never been refused a Certificate of Eligibility for the "Student" status of residence (unless our school judges that reapplication is possible).
7. Has basic communication ability in English, Nepali, or Hindi, the languages our school designates for student life guidance, for use in emergencies and daily guidance.
8. Is in good physical and mental health and will comply with Japanese law and our school regulations.

### Notes on proof of Japanese ability

**Accepted tests:** Certificates of passing the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), J.TEST, NAT-TEST, or Japanese Proficiency Test (JPT), among others. The document submitted must show the test name, level, and score.

| Level | JLPT | J.TEST | NAT-TEST | JPT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A1 equivalent | N5 | Level F | Level 5 | 315 points |
| A2 equivalent | N4 | Level E | Level 4 | 375 points |
| B1 equivalent | N3 | Level D | Level 3 | 430 points |

**Proof of study hours:** A certificate of 150 or more hours of study is valid only if issued by an educational institution such as a university, vocational school, junior or senior high school, or Japanese language school. It must state the issuing institution's name, address, and contact details, the study period, and the total hours of study.

## Application and Selection

### Application period

| Course | Intake | Application period |
|---|---|---|
| 1-Year and 2-Year Courses | April | August 31, 2026 – October 30, 2026 |
| 1.5-Year Course | October | March 1, 2027 – April 30, 2027 |

Applications are accepted Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Japan time), excluding Japanese public holidays.

### How to apply

Submit the Application Form (Designated Form 1) and Resume (Designated Form 2) to our school by email: kokusen@mocha.ocn.ne.jp

Applications may close before the end of the application period once the course capacity is reached.

### Selection

Selection is based on an interview (online or in person) and document screening. After we receive your Application Form, we will contact you with interview details.

### Notification of results

Results are sent by email or similar means to the applicant or their representative (such as an agent) about one week after selection. Successful applicants should then prepare and submit the required application documents to our school.

## Required Documents

1. Submit the documents below by the deadline. Only original documents such as graduation certificates will be returned. Other certificates and documents will not be returned.
2. Attach a Japanese translation to each document.
3. Each certificate is valid for only 3 months from its date of issue. Certificates issued earlier cannot be accepted.
4. Each certificate must show the issuing institution's address, telephone number, and email address, as well as the title and name (signature) of the person responsible for issuing it.

### Documents about the applicant

| No. | Document | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Application Form | Use our designated form. Write dates in the Western calendar and give your full address, including street number and room number. List your |

| No. | Document | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| | | education from elementary school to your final school with no gaps. Do not abbreviate school or workplace addresses; include the street number. If you entered elementary school before age 5 or after age 8, or if you did not spend 6 years there, submit a certificate from that elementary school showing your date of entry, years of attendance, and date of graduation. In your Statement of Reasons for Study, describe your study goals and the specific schools you wish to enter after completing the course. |
| 2 | Certificate of graduation and academic transcript from your final school | Submit the original graduation diploma or a graduation certificate, and the original academic transcript (Japanese translation required for both). University graduates must also submit their degree certificate. |
| 3 | Certificate of enrollment or employment | Required only if you are currently studying or working at the time of application. |
| 4 | Copy of proof of Japanese study | Submit a certificate of at least 150 hours of study, or a certificate of passing (including score report) for the JLPT or a similar test. See "Eligibility" above. |
| 5 | Photographs (4) | 4 cm high × 3 cm wide, taken within the last 6 months, no hat, plain background. Write your name on the back. |
| 6 | Copy of passport | If you have a passport, submit a copy of the photo page. If not, |

| No. | Document | Notes |
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| | | submit a copy of your identity card. |
| 7 | Health certificate | Must be within 180 days of the date of the chest X-ray. |

### Documents about the financial sponsor

| No. | Document | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Statement of Financial Support | Describe specifically how the sponsorship came about. If the sponsor is not a relative, a detailed statement of reasons is required. |
| 9 | Proof of relationship | Submit a family register, a birth certificate issued by a public authority, or similar documents. |
| 10 | Bank balance certificate | Must show the bank's address, telephone number, and the name of the person in charge. |
| 11 | Proof of income and employment | Salaried employees: certificate of employment and proof of annual income for the past year or more. Business owners or self-employed: copy of business license, tax payment certificate, copy of tax return, etc. |

If the financial sponsor lives in Japan, additional documents such as a certificate of residence and a tax certificate are required. Please contact us for details.

## Fees

### Screening fee

20,000 yen

## Tuition

| Item (yen) | 1-Year Course | 2-Year Course: 1st year | 2-Year Course: 2nd year | 1.5-Year Course: 1st year (1 year) | 1.5-Year Course: 2nd year (6 months) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Admission fee | 70,000 | 70,000 | – | 70,000 | – |
| Tuition | 680,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 | 680,000 | 340,000 |
| Teaching materials | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 |
| **Total** | **770,000** | **770,000** | **700,000** | **770,000** | **350,000** |

## Other expenses

These cover the health checkup, National Health Insurance, accident insurance, proficiency test fees, and similar costs.

| Course | 1st year (yen) | 2nd year (yen) |
|---|---|---|
| 1-Year Course | 60,000 | – |
| 2-Year Course | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| 1.5-Year Course | 60,000 | 40,000 |

## Bank details for payment

| Item | Details |
|---|---|
| Bank name | THE NISHI-NIPPON CITY BANK, LTD. |
| Branch name | ZASSHONOKUMA BRANCH |
| Account type and number | FUTUUYOKIN (Ordinary) 0468434 |
| Account name | GAKKOUHOUJIN SHIMADA GAKUEN |
| Phone | +81-92-501-3261 |
| SWIFT code | NISIJPJT |

## Refund policy

The screening fee is non-refundable. Other fees (tuition, teaching materials, etc.) may be refunded in full or in part under the following conditions.

**Before enrollment**

- **If the Certificate of Eligibility is not issued:** No fees have been paid at this stage, so there is no refund.
- **If the visa is refused:** All fees paid, except the screening fee, will be refunded.
- **If you withdraw from coming to Japan after the Certificate of Eligibility is issued or after obtaining a visa:** All fees paid will be refunded except the screening fee, admission fee, and dormitory entry costs (initial costs). The remaining amount will be refunded after the Letter of Admission and the Certificate of Eligibility have been returned to us and we have confirmed that you have not entered Japan. Bank transfer fees for the refund are borne by the applicant and deducted from the refund.

**After enrollment**

- **Withdrawal or expulsion:** The admission fee, and tuition and other fees already paid up to the month in which student status ends, will not be refunded. However, prepaid tuition for the remaining period, other expenses (health checkup, National Health Insurance, accident insurance, proficiency test fees, etc.), and dormitory costs for the remaining period will be refunded after the balance is calculated according to our school's settlement standards.
- **Special cases:** Fees may be refunded in full or in part only when continued attendance or study is deemed difficult due to natural disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons, or accidents such as fire.
- **Settlement of other expenses:** As stated above, other expenses (health checkup, National Health Insurance, accident insurance, proficiency test fees, etc.) are calculated at the time of withdrawal and the balance is refunded.
- **Refund method:** Refunds are made in cash or by bank transfer on the date of withdrawal.

## Class Hours

Classes run Monday to Friday, in either the morning or the afternoon session. The school assigns each student's session based on enrollment.

| Session | Time | Classes |
|---|---|---|
| Morning | 8:50 – 12:00 | Two 90-minute classes |
| Afternoon | 13:00 – 16:10 | Two 90-minute classes |

## Scholarship

After enrollment, students with excellent academic results may be selected to receive the Shimada Scholarship (60,000 to 120,000 yen per year).

## Dormitory

As a rule, students live in a school dormitory for their first year. The dormitories are located 10 to 20 minutes from the school by bicycle. Students cannot choose which dormitory they live in.

**Examples of dormitories**

| Building | Location | Distance (by bicycle) |
|---|---|---|
| SUNS' 5 | 5-31-5 Hinodemachi, Kasuga City | 1.5 km (6 min) |
| Wisteria II | 5-165 Sugukita, Kasuga City | 2.1 km (9 min) |
| Kasuga Seiko | 1-143 Sugu-minami, Kasuga City | 2.3 km (11 min) |

**Room and facilities:** About 20 m². Rooms are generally shared by two people. Each room has a kitchen, bathroom (with shower), gas or IH stove, toilet, air conditioner, table, washing machine, rice cooker, refrigerator, and microwave.

**Items provided on move-in:** A full set of bedding, frying pan, pot, kitchen knife, and other items.

**Costs (first 6 months)**

| Item | Amount (yen) |
|---|---|
| Dormitory entry fee | 60,000 |
| Management fee | 30,000 |
| Fire insurance | 1,500 |
| Rent (6 months) | 120,000 |
| **Total** | **211,500** |

Electricity, gas, and water are paid by each student (about 7,000 yen per person per month).

## Estimated Living Costs

To live in Fukuoka Prefecture as an international student, you will need money for food, utilities, phone, and other daily costs in addition to school fees. Please prepare sufficient living funds, using the table below as a guide.

| Item | Monthly average for self-funded international students in Fukuoka (yen) |
|---|---|
| Housing | 29,000 |
| Food | 27,000 |
| Utilities | 7,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 8,000 |
| Entertainment | 5,000 |
| Insurance and medical | 3,000 |
| Other | 16,000 |

| Item | Monthly average for self-funded international students in Fukuoka (yen) |
|---|---|
| **Total** | **95,000** |

Source: Based on the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Survey on Living Conditions of Privately Financed International Students, FY2023.

## Residence as an International Student

1. To study at our school in Japan, you must, as a rule, obtain the "Student" status of residence under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act. If you enroll with a different status of residence, medical expense subsidies and other support programs for international students may not apply.
2. Students with the "Student" status of residence may work part-time (activities outside the permitted status) for up to 28 hours per week (separate rules apply during long vacations). However, it is difficult to cover all tuition and living expenses with this income alone. You must therefore have a sufficient financial plan (financial capacity) to support yourself from enrollment to graduation.
3. Persons found to be members of antisocial forces or similar groups cannot be admitted. If such facts are discovered or arise after enrollment, the school will cancel the admission at its discretion.

## Part-Time Work

1. **Permission and notification:** Before working part-time, you must obtain "Permission to Engage in Activity Other Than That Permitted under the Status of Residence" from the Immigration Services Agency. You must also notify the student life guidance staff before you start working.
2. **Hours and type of work:** Working hours are limited to 28 hours per week (during long vacations, up to 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week). By law, work in adult entertainment businesses (such as hostess bars or gambling-related businesses) and work beyond the permitted hours are strictly prohibited.
3. If any violation of the law regarding part-time work is found, the student will be strictly disciplined in accordance with our school regulations.

## Health Insurance and Medical Costs

1. **National Health Insurance:** Students with the "Student" status of residence are required to join National Health Insurance, Japan's public medical insurance system. As a result, students generally pay 30% of medical costs when they see a doctor for illness or injury.
2. **Student accident insurance and liability insurance:** So that students can focus on their studies with peace of mind, all students are enrolled in the Student Accident Insurance (with commuting coverage) of the Foundation for Vocational Education and Career Education, and in accident insurance from our partner insurance company.
    - **Accidents while commuting or at school:** Covers injuries from unexpected accidents while commuting, at school events, or during class.

    - **Liability:** Our designated insurance also covers liability if you injure someone or damage property.
3. **Accident prevention and personal responsibility:** Insurance does not guarantee full compensation. Please keep the following points in mind.
    - **Limits of coverage:** Depending on the circumstances of an accident or the degree of fault, insurance may not apply, or the payment may be less than the actual damage, leaving you to pay the difference.
    - **Effects on health and studies:** Even if insurance pays out, lost health and time cannot be recovered. An injury may cause you to miss classes, lower your academic performance, and seriously affect graduation and your future path.
    - **Social responsibility:** If you injure someone or damage public property, you will cause great trouble to others and may also face legal liability.

   In daily life, follow traffic rules, do your best to avoid danger, and put your own safety and health first.
4. **Payment of insurance fees:** The insurance fees listed under "Fees" in this guide include the insurance costs in item 2 above. They are paid in full at the time of enrollment.

## Handling of Personal Information

1. Documents and personal information submitted with your application will be used only for selection, enrollment procedures, and related academic administration. We manage this information strictly to prevent leaks or misuse.
2. To verify the authenticity of submitted documents, our school may contact the issuing institutions or other relevant organizations. By applying, you are deemed to have agreed to this verification process.
3. To manage admissions screening and student records smoothly, we collect information on your legal sex as recorded in official documents. This information has no effect on admission decisions.