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)

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* 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.

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.