

OBJECTIVE

This student program is designated to provide superior students of Okinawan descent a scholarship to study at accredited institutions (universities) in Okinawa Prefecture. Through this program, students will enhance their understanding of Japanese culture, industry, education and society and will have opportunities to interact with local Okinawans. The program is geared to produce human resources who will contribute extensively to their home countries and act as an intermediary for Okinawa and their home country.

HOST INSTITUTION

Students will enroll as auditors (Kamokuto Rishusei) or research students (Kenkyusha) at the national University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts or Meiou University

DURATION OF STUDY

Scholarship students for the year 2011 will study or research at host institutions for a 6 month period, October , 2011 to March , 2012.

SCHOLARSHIP

1. Expenses

Okinawa International Exchange & Human Resources Development Foundation (OIHF) will cover the following student expenses for their studies at host institutions in Okinawa.

Classification	Expense	Specification
Travel (International)	Actual expenses incurred	Includes international airfare to/from home country and Naha airports, and transportation fees between airports in Japan.
Enrollment	Actual expenses incurred	Includes fees for application, examination, entrance, and tuition.
Room & Board	88,700 yen/month	University of Ryukyu dorms
	115,500 yen/month 90,300 yen/month	For universities without dorms. Meiou University dorms
Health & Welfare	51,000 yen	Health and accident insurance during duration of study
Miscellaneous		Other expenses approved by OIHF Director General

* Please note that above expenses is subject to change.

* Students are responsible for expenses for passports, visas, airport taxes and others not listed above.

* Room & Board expenses for April (first month) will be calculated on a daily basis from your first day of arrival.

2. Cancellation of Scholarship

If a student takes a leave of absence, is suspended or leaves school for personal reasons or breaking oath during his/her duration of study in Okinawa, the scholarship may be revoked entirely or partially.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

1. Be of Okinawan descent and recommended by the Kenjinkai president. Applicants must have a sound mind and body and be recognized as a person capable of playing a leading role at work or in communities.
2. Have completed twelve years of education in his/her home country or hold higher academic knowledge and meet the requirements of host institutions.
3. Up to 30 years old on April 2011.
4. Possess Japanese language skills sufficient enough to study at host institutions.(holder of the 3rd grade Japanese language proficiency)
5. Hold a Japanese Language Proficiency First Level qualification (for research student candidates only).
6. Have financial support to cover any expenses that exceed the scholarship provided by OIHF.
7. Have relatives in Okinawa who can assist him/her during his/her stay and act as guardian and no Japanese citizenship.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must receive recommendation from local Kenjinkai president and submit the following forms as stated. Kenjinkai presidents are required to screen and nominate candidates who meet the abovementioned requirements to OIHF Director General.

1. Forms required for applying

- 1) Letter of Recommendation (ED Form #1)
- 2) Emigrant Children Student Program Application (ED Form #2)
- 3) Resume (ED Form#3)
- 4) Written Oath (ED Form #4)
- 5) Letter of Guardian (Form#5)
- 6) Description of major/field that student would like to specialize (Form#6)
- 7) Report on goals applicants want to accomplish after completing their student program
- 8) Japanese language proficiency evaluation report (attach a copy of Japanese language proficiency certificate.)
- 9) Medical certificate
- 10) Copy of passport
- 11) Eight ID photos (size 4cm x 3cm) taken in the last three months
- 12) Documents required by host institutions

* Please submit document numbers 1 – 9 and 12 in forms specified above.

2. Application Deadline

Applications should be sent to OIHF and must arrive no later than July 12, 2011

Therefore, if you are interested, please complete your application form and submit to huaa@huaa.org by June 30th. Interviews will be scheduled on Saturday, July 2nd.

3. Selection

The Director General of OIHF shall review all application documents, consult with the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and refer suitable candidates to host institutions. Upon host institution notification of acceptance, the Director General of OIHF shall screen candidate applications with the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture and select appropriate scholars. Candidates/scholars will be notified of the results through local Kenjinkai presidents.

SPECIAL GUIDELINES

1. Guidance

- a. The Director General of OIHF shall advise scholars on their conduct and behavior during their stay in Okinawa. Scholars must follow the advice from OIHF director general's advice.
- b. Scholars must obtain prior permission from the Director General of OIHF when traveling domestically.

2. Temporary trips to home countries

- a. Scholars are not allowed to take personal temporary trips to home countries during their study period in Okinawa. However, if a scholar is compelled by reasons beyond his/her control to return to their home country for a limited term, scholars must submit appropriate documents and obtain prior permission from the Director General of OIHF before departing Okinawa.
- b. The Director General of OIHF will review these documents, determine whether permission is to be granted or not, and notify scholar of the decision.
- c. If permission for temporary return is granted from the Director General of OIHF, scholar will not receive scholarship funds allocated for room & board during his/her period of stay in home country. If these funds have already been awarded, scholar will be required to return these funds that are calculated on a daily basis to OIHF.

3. Completion of the study program

Scholars must promptly return to home countries after completion of study programs or when foreign student status is terminated.

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