

2009 Monbukagakusho Scholarship
Application Form

Monbukagakusho Scholarship Application and Supporting Materials will include:

- 1) **Monbukagakusho Scholarship Application Form** (attached)
- 2) A **2 -3 page double-spaced personal statement** describing why you want to participate in this program, how this program will help you meet your educational and career objectives/goals, etc.
- 3) **Two confidential letters of recommendation**, to include one from the applicant's academic advisor (see enclosed Confidential Reference Form)

Application materials and related documents must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2009 and should be submitted to:

Ken Kiyohara
International Program Coordinator
University of Hawai'i Community Colleges
c/o Honda International Center, 'Iliahi 112
4303 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96816

Attention: Monbukagakusho Scholarship

For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please contact the Honda International Center at (808) 734-9824 or by email: kiyohara@hawaii.edu.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- The Monbukagakusho (Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, Government of Japan) offers scholarships to students who wish to study at a Japanese Senshu-gakko (professional training school).
- The scholarship is for 3 years from April 2009 to March 2012 in Japan.
- Tuition, room and board will be fully covered as well as airfare and stipend in Japan.

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

- Participants must be a high school graduate.
- Participants must be 17– 21 years of age as of April 1, 2010 (i.e. born between 4/2/1988 and 4/1/1993)
- **English, Math and Japanese tests are required**
(Japanese test will be used for reference only /No Japanese language fluency required)
- **A personal interview is required of selected applicants.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **May 29, 2009 (FRIDAY)**

SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL STUDY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1) Civil Engineering | 8) Secretarial Studies |
| 2) Architecture | 9) Hotel Management |
| 3) Electrical Engineering | 10) Tourism |
| 4) Electronics | 11) Fashion |
| 5) Telecommunications | 12) Design |
| 6) Nutrition | 13) Photography |
| 7) Infant Education | 14) Other fields |
- 2-3 applicants will be selected from Hawaii.
 - Each applicant will receive one year of intensive Japanese language training followed by two years of professional education and training program in their chosen area (see above) at selected Senshu-gakko (Japanese equivalent of community college/technical college).

For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please visit <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/monbukagakusho.html> or contact Ken Kiyohara at the Honda International Center (734-9824 / Kiyohara@hawaii.edu).

Application for Monbukagakusho Scholarship

A. Personal Information

(please note that some information requested below is in anticipation of the visa application)

1. Name: _____
2. Birth Date: _____
3. Gender: Male / Female
4. U.S. Citizen: YES / NO
5. Social Security Number _ _ _ - _ _ - _ _ _ _
6. Hawai'i Resident: YES / NO (if No, state place of official residence _____)
7. Cell Phone: _____
8. Email: _____
9. Current Mailing Address: _____

10. Permanent Mailing Address: _____

B. Academic Information

1. University of Hawai'i Campus: _____
2. Major/Field of Study: _____
3. Class Standing (circle one): First Year / Sophomore / Others (please specify) _____
4. Current GPA: _____
5. Name of Academic Advisor: _____
6. Your academic history, beginning with most recent:

High School, College or University	Major/Field of Study	Dates of Attendance	Degree Earned/Expected

7. List the Mathematics, English and Japanese courses you are currently taking or have most recently completed.

List the Mathematics courses you are currently taking or have most recently completed.

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
2.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
3.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
4.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade

List English courses you are currently taking or have most recently completed.

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
2.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
3.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
4.	_____	_____	_____
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List Japanese courses you are currently taking or have most recently completed.

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
2.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
3.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade
4.	_____	_____	_____
	Course Title/Professor	Semester/Year	Grade

8. Previous academic honors, fellowships and awards _____

D. Miscellaneous Information

1. List below the names, titles and addresses of two faculty/administrator from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. References should be from persons qualified to write about you, your academic and professional experience, and the project proposed in this application.

Name	Title	Address	Phone

2. Please describe any interests and/or hobbies you have _____

3. Please describe any activities and/or organizations you take part in _____

4. Previous Travel and/or Study Abroad Experiences

Dates	Purpose	Sponsorship

5. Please list any illnesses or medical conditions which might require attention while travelling overseas.

E. Personal Statement

In addition to the information requested above, all applications must include a 2-3 page double-spaced personal statement describing why you want to participate in this program, how this program will help you meet your educational and career objectives/goals, etc.

F. Acknowledgment

I certify that the information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the applicant

Date

It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all application materials, including letters of recommendation, are received prior to the deadline.

Monbukagakusho Scholarship

Confidential Reference Form

Name of Applicant _____

Field of Study/Department _____

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 I understand I have the right to have access to letters of recommendation written on my behalf.

- I wish this letter to be written in confidence and hereby waive my rights of access to this letter.
- I wish to retain my rights of access.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

To the Referee:

The purpose of the Monbukagakusho Scholarship is to promote cultural understanding of Japan through language and career tech training with support of University of Hawai'i Community Colleges. Applicants are expected to submit a focused and well-developed proposal explaining why he/she wants to participate in this program, how this program will help him/her meet his/her educational and career objectives/goals, etc.

Please tell us how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Please evaluate the applicant's proposed program of study in terms of its academic and non-academic merits and provide a candid assessment of the student's ability to succeed in the proposed program. Your comments should address both the strengths and the weaknesses of the project and the candidate. If the Letter of Recommendation form does not provide adequate space, you may attach additional pages.

I have have not seen the applicant's proposal.

Referee's Name _____

Referee's Signature _____

Position/Department _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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