

FAQs : MEXT Scholarship (PGP) Application

Eligibility :

Q: I am now enrolled in a university in Japan and graduating in August/September this year. Am I eligible?

A: This scholarship is basically for those who are newly arriving from abroad. Therefore, you are not eligible unfortunately. Only exception is those who can go back and stay in the home country for more than 3 months after graduation and apply for new 'student visa'.

Q: I am also applying for CAMPUS Asia program. Am I eligible?

A: Students who are planning to go abroad for more than 90 days during the scholarship period are not eligible.

Transcript :

Q: I attended exchange/double degree program studying abroad during the enrollment period at my university. Should I include the transcript of the university I attended for exchange/double degree program?

A: Please do not include the transcript as we cannot include it into calculation of academic grade point for this MEXT (PGP) recommendation.

Language certificates :

Q: I passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) before, but I lost the certificate. What should I do?

A: In that case, please don't write about your Japanese language level in the application form. You can only mention the ones you can submit valid certificates (taken within 2 years). If you fulfill English language requirement, it is just fine for the application.

Q: Do I need to request ETS to send TOEFL official score report directly to your school?

A: No, it is not necessary. Please include the copy of certificate in the pdf.

Recommendation letter from the Dean :

Q: I graduated from university many years ago and I am currently working. It is very difficult for me to obtain the recommendation letter from the Dean of the university I graduated. Do

I still need to submit this document?

A: Recommendation letter from the Dean is essential for this PGP slot application. Without this document, you are not eligible unfortunately.

Q: Does it have to be from the Dean? Is the recommendation letter from the Program Director also acceptable?

A: No, the recommendation letter should be from the Dean of the department (or above).

Q: I am now enrolled in a university in Japan and will graduate in March this year. Is the recommendation letter from the Dean of Japanese university acceptable?

A: Yes, please send the recommendation letter from the Dean of current university

Q: Is there any specific format for this recommendation letter?

A: There is no specific format. It is fine as long as the Dean recommends you for this MEXT scholarship application. The letter also needs to be addressed to 'The President of the University of Tokyo'. ('To whom it may concern' is NOT accepted.)

Deadlines :

Q: What time is the submission deadline of pdf version on Feb 14?

A: If it is sent before midnight (0:00 of next day), it is fine.

Q: What will happen if the original documents (No. 1 &2) cannot reach GraSPP in time (by March 2)?

A: Please make sure the package arrive at our school by the deadline. If there is an unexpected delivery problem, please consult with us ASAP.

Academic grades requirement (2.30) as a MEXT scholar:

Q: Guideline says that the scholars will lose the right to be a recipient of MEXT scholarship when their grade point average for a year falls below 2.30. In this case, the scholar stop receiving the scholarship after one year?

A: Yes. We calculate the academic grades at the end of the second semester (at the end of the first year) and the scholars who cannot reach the required level will not be able to receive the scholarship for the 2nd year.