



The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation

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ATTENTION: GRADUATE STUDENTS

Now Accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Total Award Value: \$45,000 per year

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- Open to:** American graduate students at UH Manoa pursuing study in subject area leading to better understanding between Japan and the U.S.
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ORIENTATION SESSION

Tokioka Room, Moore Hall 319
Tuesday, October 14th, 3pm - 4pm

For those interested in applying
for the 2015-2016 Scholarship Program

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CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO SCHOLARSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

(American Applicant)

2015 - 2016

It is the purpose of this Scholarship to promote understanding and friendly relations between the peoples of the United States and Japan.

An award recipient must act in the dual capacity of a student in learning and as an unofficial “American Ambassador of Good Will.” In this respect, an awardee is expected to maintain high standards of achievement while serving as a bridge of understanding and friendship between the peoples of the United States and Japan.

QUALIFICATION: Selection of a candidate for the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship is to be based solely on qualifications, without respect to economic status, race or religion, and shall be limited to those who are currently post graduate students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM). Applicants must, however, return for the completion of their post graduate degree at UHM if their study in Japan does not complete their degree requirement. Moreover, there shall be no limit as to age, and applicant may be married or single, but must be an American citizen. Japanese-language skills will be assessed in relation to the applicant’s proposed course of study. Japanese language is not a requirement if the applicant can show that their courses of study can be done in English. A full explanation is required in the applicant’s study plan.

FIELDS OF STUDY: A scholarship may be awarded for study from any graduate field at UHM, including the professional schools. The subject area of study should lead to better understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and the United States.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The scholarship recipient has the option of a one-year or two-year scholarship. The second year of the two-year scholarship will depend on the recipient meeting satisfactory academic and personal conduct standards (see Revocation of Awards paragraph below).

The amount of the scholarship shall be \$30,000 per year paid in three equal installments throughout the scholarship year. In addition to the scholarship award, a \$15,000 annual allowance will cover tuition fees and one-time round-trip airfare from Honolulu to Japan.

One scholarship is available covering the academic years **2015-2016** and **2016-2017**. The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees will make the final selection of the scholarship recipient.

During the year of study under this Scholarship, an awardee may not accept any gainful employment or any other scholarships without the prior approval of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation.

THE APPLICANT

QUALIFICATIONS: Both men and women are equally eligible to apply. In order to serve as an effective bridge of friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Japan, he/she must have a friendly outgoing personality, a sympathetic interest in the attitudes and way of life of the people of a different culture, and the ability to communicate his/her ideas readily and effectively. He/she must also have a good knowledge of the history, culture, geography and current affairs of the United States. He/she must:

- a. have maintained high standards in his/her academic studies and must show promise of distinguished achievement.

- b. demonstrate qualities of leadership, initiative, enthusiasm, adaptability, maturity, and seriousness of purpose.

CRITERIA FOR SCREENING: All Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Screening Committee based on these criteria:

- a. Applicant's academic qualifications based upon graduate-level grade point average and the relevancy of courses taken to area of research or study
- b. Applicant's ability to do research
- c. A coherent and well-thought out study plan
- d. Applicant's career goals
- e. Recommendations of professors
- f. Applicant's professional bearing and demeanor

REVOCATION OF AWARDS: The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship award may be suspended or revoked or the applicant may face other sanctions if he/she fails to meet satisfactory standards of academic performance and/or personal conduct, as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, or by the institution of attendance, or if the applicant fails to remain in school for the duration of the scholarship.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION: An applicant must read carefully the "applicant certification" on the application form and sign the certification to indicate his/her understanding and acceptance of the responsibilities and obligations of the award and the conditions under which the scholarship may be revoked.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION: A medical note or certification prepared by a licensed physician must be attached to his/her application. The purpose of the medical notification is to ensure that there will be "no foreseen medical problems that may preclude the applicant from completing his/her study abroad."

ACADEMIC RECORD: An official transcript listing academic records at all colleges or universities the applicant attended must be sent in to the CPASF office directly from the respective educational institutions. All transcripts become part of the application-package and are thus due no later than the application deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Signed recommendation letters from two university professors must also be submitted. Recommendations will be held confidential and should be mailed directly to the CPASF office. All recommendation letters become part of the application-package and are thus due no later than the application deadline.

INTERVIEWS: All applicants must appear in-person before a Screening Committee on **November 21, 2014**. Applicants who cannot appear for a personal interview will be automatically disqualified as candidates for the scholarship. Finalists must also appear in-person before the CPASF Board of Trustees for a personal interview on **December 18, 2014**.

REPORTS: After each year of study, a written report summarizing the year of study will be submitted to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Administrative Office within six weeks after completion of the school year but no later than **July 15th**. The reports will include the following information:

- a. Study plan for the next year (for those applying for a second year)
- b. Grade sheets or transcripts (if available)
- c. Narrative summarizing activities, accomplishments, and difficulties encountered during the year. Please include any suggestions that may be useful to future scholars.
- d. Written assessment from your academic advisor documenting your progress thus far along with his/her recommendation for your continued study for an additional year.

Reports are mandatory and are used to evaluate the scholarship recipient's year of study. Additionally, for those who have applied for the two-year scholarship, the first year report will help determine whether or not the scholarship will be renewed for the second year. Failure to submit a report may be grounds to deny the second year of scholarship or in the extreme, revocation of the title as Crown Prince Akihito Scholar. The second year report will help to evaluate the success of the scholarship recipient as well as the overall scholarship program.

APPLICATION FOR THE CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO SCHOLARSHIP
ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016
(Please print or type)

Name in full: _____
(Do not use initials. Family name should be in all capital letters.)

Permanent mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Current address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Person to notify in case of emergency (name, relationship, address, phone number): _____

Proposed major field of study: _____ Degree applied for: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

The complete application must be postmarked or submitted with all substantiating materials to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation, 1600 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 204, Honolulu, HI 96814 by 4:30pm no later than November 5, 2014.

Each section or question on the form must be completed fully. Please attach supplementary sheets as needed with your name written in the upper right hand corner. All applicants must appear before a Screening Committee on **November 21, 2014** for a personal interview. Applicants who cannot appear for the personal interview will be automatically disqualified as candidates for the scholarship. Please be certain to include an email address, mailing address, and phone number where you can be contacted. Finalists must appear before the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees for a personal interview on **December 18, 2014**.

1. Indicate on a separate piece of paper the reasons you are applying for this scholarship and in detail what your field of study will be if you receive the award. Included in this statement should be an indication of your career objectives and how your proposed field of study abroad relates to your career objectives. Please also indicate how you think this experience abroad will benefit others. Finally, please provide a brief statement of your previous work experience, if any, giving a brief indication of the nature and length of employment and explaining how this experience will help you reach your long-range objectives.
2. Read the "Applicant's Certification" section of this application. Sign the application form to indicate that you agree with the stipulations of the award (#1 - #8) and that you understand and accept the responsibilities and obligations of the award, and the conditions of its revocation. **The application must be signed to be valid.**
3. The following supplementary documents are also required to complete your application to the CPASF:
 - a. Written note or certification by a licensed physician stating that the applicant has no major medical problems that would preclude him/her from studying abroad. This document may be attached to the application or sent directly to the CPASF office but must be received by the application deadline.
 - b. Signed recommendations from two professors who either supervised your major studies or under whose direct-supervision you studied. Recommendations should be mailed directly to the CPASF office.
 - c. Official transcripts which list your academic record at all post-secondary or university-level institutions which you have attended. Transcripts should be mailed directly to the CPASF office.

SUMMARY OF POST-SECONDARY AND COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

(academic, professional, technical, etc.)

Name and location	Dates attended	Degree(s), certificate(s), or diploma(s) received or expected and approximate date(s)
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SCHOLASTIC HONORS received (briefly describe the qualifications for each), if any

SCHOLARSHIPS received (briefly describe), if any

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS applying for in the immediate future, if any

ACTIVITIES: In what cultural, athletic, political or other activities are you engaged? Indicate what offices, if any, you have held. What honors, prizes or awards have you received, if any?

PUBLIC-SPEAKING: What training or experience in public speaking have you had, if any?

INSTITUTIONS

List in order of your preference three institutions of higher education which you are prepared to attend in Japan. Before listing an institution, you should carefully investigate courses of study, requirements for admission, date of commencement of academic year and language used. You must have positive knowledge that the institution offers courses in your field of study at the graduate-level. Specific reasons are required for listing each institution. Japanese language is not a requirement if your courses of study can be done in English. However, please provide a full explanation in your study plan.

NAME OF INSTITUTION

CITY

1ST CHOICE
REASON:

2ND CHOICE
REASON:

3RD CHOICE
REASON:

LANGUAGE TRAINING INFORMATION

Note: Japanese language is not a requirement if your courses of study can be done in English. However, a full explanation is required in your study plan.

1. Summarize the formal training which you have had, if any. Begin with the most recent training.

Dates month & year	Language studied	Average hours per week	Grade if applicable	Name of institution

2. Did you attain ability in the language through some other means? Yes: _____ No: _____
If yes, indicate how.

3. Please list any Japanese language certification tests you have taken.

Test Name: _____ Date Taken: _____ Score: _____

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship (check appropriate box)

a) for the academic year 2015-2016 only.

b) for 2015-2016, to be renewed for academic year 2016-2017 upon satisfactory review.

If I receive the Scholarship, I agree:

1. To arrange for my own protection and at my own expense, insurance valid in the country of my study and in places in which I will travel, adequate to cover a minimum of US\$1,000 equivalent for medical care and/or hospitalization resulting from illness or accident, plus a minimum of US\$2,000 or equivalent for accidental death or dismemberment. **I will provide certification to the CPASF that I have obtained the minimum required coverage before departure for my study country.**
2. To maintain a high level of scholarship and to make no change in my field of study without the consent of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation.
3. To accept no other award, grant, fellowship, scholarship or employment for remuneration during the period of Scholarship without the prior approval of the CPASF. (It is understood that the foregoing is not intended to prohibit acceptance of financial aid intended to defray the expenses of a spouse or dependents.)
4. To commence study at an accredited school, college, university or cultural institution within twelve (12) months after notification of award.
5. To submit a "Certificate of Admission" to receive the first payment and to submit tuition receipts to receive the tuition supplement, if applicable.
6. To adhere to the terms of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship as described in the General Information sheet, which I have received and read.
7. To keep the CPASF informed. I will submit a report of my study results **after each year of study**. The reports will be submitted to the CPASF within six weeks after completion of the school year or by **July 15th**. The first year's report will determine whether the second year of scholarship will be awarded. See General Information Sheet for report content.
8. To willingly support the CPASF in the future, including helping fellow CPASF scholars and the alumni association in promoting the United States-Japan relationship.

I understand and agree that my scholarship may be suspended or revoked and if that is the case, that I may no longer use the name of Crown Prince Akihito Scholar, and in addition, may suffer other sanctions, if I fail to meet satisfactory standards of academic performance or if I am involved in any incident involving criminal conduct or moral turpitude or which may otherwise bring discredit upon the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship, as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation or by the institution that I will be attending. Sanctions for revocation may include the return of all monies awarded.

I understand that the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation assumes no responsibility or obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the award.

Signature of Applicant

Date