

JASSO Scholarship Eligibility Guideline

Following are the minimum requirements to be eligible to apply for the JASSO scholarship through Kansai Gaidai University. Applicants must satisfy all of the conditions described below:

1. An applicant must be sent to Kansai Gaidai under an official inter-institutional agreement between the applicant's home institution and Kansai Gaidai (e.g., an exchange agreement).
2. An applicant must be an officially registered full-time student of his/her home institution.
3. An applicant must have clear academic goals for his/her study in Japan and good prospects of reaching an appropriate level of achievement as a state-funded scholarship recipient.
4. An applicant must have a Grade Point Average of 2.3 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the academic year preceding the scholarship application based on the GPA calculation set by JASSO. Grades subject to evaluation for this scholarship period are those awarded during the period of April, 2011 through March, 2012. Detailed instructions on the GPA calculation are provided on the next page.
5. If an applicant is scheduled to receive another scholarship in addition to the JASSO scholarship while studying in Japan, the amount of the other scholarship calculated on a monthly basis must not be more than 80,000 yen.
6. An applicant must have the resident status of “留学” (Ryugaku, College Student) while studying in Japan.
7. An applicant must return to his /her home institution to complete his/her degree program there or be awarded a degree from his/her home institution upon completion of his/her study at Kansai Gaidai.
8. An applicant must not have previously received the JASSO Scholarship, at least during the last three years.
9. An applicant has limited funds and therefore is in financial need in order to study in Japan.
10. An applicant must commit him/herself to studying at Kansai Gaidai for one academic year (two semesters).

Also, applicants who fulfill the following conditions are normally given preference in our selection process for the JASSO scholarship:

- a. An applicant who has excelled academically at his or her home institution.
- b. An applicant who has a strong background in Japanese language study, and preferably an Asian studies field.
- c. An applicant whose credits earned at Kansai Gaidai will be transferred to his/her home institution as a part of his/her graduation requirements upon completion of his/her study at Kansai Gaidai.

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How to Calculate Grade Point Average

Applicants for the JASSO scholarship are required to have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.3 or higher in one of the evaluation scales below. Academic results (grades) of the courses that the applicant has taken at his/her home institution must be converted to one of these evaluation scales and the applicant's GPA calculated according to the applicable scale.

	Academic Result				
4-level Scale #1		Excellent	Good	Pass	Fail
4-level Scale #2		100 – 80 %	79 – 70 %	69 – 60 %	59% or lower
4-level Scale #3		A	B	C	F
5-level Scale #1	S	A	B	C	F
5-level Scale #2	A	B	C	D	F
100% Scale	100 – 90%	89 – 80%	79 – 70%	69 – 60%	59% or lower
JASSO Grade Point	3	3	2	1	0

JASSO GPA Calculation

$$\frac{\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total \# of Credits} \\ \text{for JASSO} \\ \text{Grade Point 3} \\ \hline \end{array} \times 3 \right) + \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total \# of Credits} \\ \text{for JASSO} \\ \text{Grade Point 2} \\ \hline \end{array} \times 2 \right) + \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total \# of Credits} \\ \text{for JASSO} \\ \text{Grade Point 1} \\ \hline \end{array} \times 1 \right) + \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total \# of Credits} \\ \text{for JASSO} \\ \text{Grade Point 0} \\ \hline \end{array} \times 0 \right)}{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Total \# of Credits for} \\ \text{All Registered Courses} \\ \hline \end{array}}$$

Example: If your institution uses a typical North American grading system (A, B, C, D, and F) or a system comparable to it, you may use the 5-level scale #2.

Course Title	Grade	Credit	JASSO Grade Point (above)		Total Point
Japanese I	A	3	x	3	= 9
Japanese II	B	3	x	3	= 9
Intro to Japanese History	B	3	x	3	= 9
Intro to Business	D	3	x	1	= 3
12 credits in total					30 points in total

$$\frac{(9 \times 3) + (0 \times 2) + (3 \times 1) + (0 \times 0)}{12} = \frac{30}{12} = 2.5$$

NOTE: If the applicant's home institution does not have a system to award "credits" for each of the courses that the applicant takes, the total number of "courses" may be used in the calculation above in lieu of the total number of "credits."

If the evaluation system of the scholarship applicant's home institution is not compatible with any of these evaluation scales above, the applicant's home institution is required to submit documentation to verify that the student has an outstanding academic record and to explain in detail why his/her academic performance is equivalent to GPA 2.3 or higher. The documentation should include specific data which clearly show the applicant's academic excellence (e.g., scores of tests, research achievements, etc.).

Please carefully note that this does NOT mean that a support letter from the applicant's home institution may supplement his/her insufficient GPA. The above procedures may qualify the applicant for the scholarship only when his/her academic performance is superb but cannot be indicated in the prescribed format.