



Asia KAKEHASHI Project Specific Information

KAKEHASHI Program Overview:

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe created this initiative to strengthen relations between Japan and the rest of Asia KAKEHASHI (Japanese for “Building Bridges”), provides full scholarships for 1,000 Asian high school students to study in Japan’s public private high schools over the next five years. Together with 40,000 Japanese teens, these students will improve their global competence skills and learn more about each other’s countries.

1. If a full scholarship funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to build bridge between high school students in Japan and in Asia.
2. This scholarship provided opportunities to Asian high school students to study and be culturally immersed in Japan for 10 months.
3. Selected students will study in a Japanese high school while staying with a host family or in a school dormitory.
4. Other main goal of this program is to expose Asia high school students to Japanese culture, local communities and industries and as well as Japanese high school students to Asian students.

Requirements:

1. Duly accomplished Pre-Application Form.
2. Recent 2x2 ID sized photo with white background attached in the application form.
3. Signed Certification and Consent Form by a parent or legal guardian.
4. Photocopy of Authenticated PSA Birth Certificate.
5. Photocopy of most recent Form 137 or transcript of records from your Philippine high school.
6. Photocopy of valid government ID.

Eligibility:

1. Philippine citizen residing in the Philippines, at the same time of application, selection and preparation for travel and must have spent more than 50% of the last 5 years in the Philippines and with current family plans of returning in the Philippines after the program.
2. Must be born between **April 2, 2002 and April 1, 2005**.
3. Be enrolled in 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade at the time of application; have not completed more than 11 years of primary education nor received a high school diploma (senior high school) by the start of the program.
4. Be among the top 25% of academic performance in grade level.
5. Have an equivalent of a B average or better without failing grades.
6. Strong academic and social skills, openness, and flexibility.
7. Demonstrated Japanese language ability sufficient to study in a native Japanese-medium setting.
8. Sufficiently healthy to participate in the program.
9. No previous significant travel to the Japan on a Japanese government sponsored program.
10. Committed to cultural immersion in the Japan through a home-stay experience.
11. Able to meet cross-cultural challenges with maturity, humor or open mind.
12. Plans to share his/her experience with his/her home and community upon return.

PRE-APPLICATION FORM 2020 - 2021

Asia KAKEHASHI Project

Funded/Sponsored by:



Please attach recent 2x2-size photo here

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Complete name as appears in PSA birth certificate/passport: (Last/First/Middle)		Birthdate: (mm/dd/yy)	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Complete home/mailling address: (House No. Street, Barangay, City/Municipality, Province)		Region:	Zip Code:
Home phone with area code:	Mobile Phone/s:	Email Address:	
Name of Father/Legal Guardian (for minors):		Name of Mother/Legal Guardian (for minors):	
Father's Job/Occupation:		Mother's Job/Occupation:	
Name of Employer/Business (if owned):		Name of Employer/Business (if owned):	
Work/Mobile Phone:	Email Address:	Work/Mobile Phone:	Email Address:
Passport No.:	Passport Issue Date:	Passport Expiry Date:	Country issuing passport: PHILIPPINES
Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Christianity <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Ethnic Background (if applicable):	Foods I cannot eat:	Native/Foreign Languages Spoken:
Family/Relative who has participated in an KAKEHASHI Program or other AFS Exchange Programs: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I have a relative who has participated in Asia KAKEHASHI Project or AFS Exchange Programs. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I don't have a relative who has participated in Asia KAKEHASHI Project or AFS Exchange Programs.			
If yes, Name of Relative/s:	Relationship:	Program Name and Destination:	Date (Month/Year) of Departure:
AFS Program: I learned about Asia KAKEHASHI Project through: <input type="checkbox"/> AFS Alumni <input type="checkbox"/> AFS Returnee/Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/Relatives <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Print (newspaper/brochure/poster) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

II. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Complete school name (no abbreviations):		Type of School: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	
Complete school mailing address: (House No., Barangay, City/Municipality, Province):		Region:	Zip Code:
Complete name of school principal/administrator:			
Telephone:	Fax :	Mobile Phone:	Email Address:
2018 – 2019: Year Level in Academic:		2016 – 2017: Average Grade in Academic:	
		2017 – 2018: Average Grade in Academic:	
2019 – 2020: Year Level in Academic:		2018 – 2019: Average Grade in Academic:	

I hereby certify that the above information on the student's application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false statement may disqualify the student for benefits.

Signature over printed name of school administrative

Selection Process

AFS Philippines will only notify those who are shortlisted and invited for Regional Selection and Interview Camp by the last week of July until first week of August.

The YES Program covers the following for the selected finalists:

- Japan Student Visa
- International travel ticket between home country and the Japan including only one checked-in luggage.
- Domestic Travels during the following:
 - U.S. In-person Visa Interview and English Enhancement Workshop, from and to your hometown.
 - Immediate Pre-departure Orientation, from and your hometown.
 - Immediate Re-entry/Return Orientation, from and to your host community in Japan,
 - End of stay/Program Orientation, from and to your host community in Japan.
- Placement in a host family or dormitory and Japan High School.
- Orientations in home country and in Japan (Pre-departure Orientation, Arrival Orientation, Mid-Stay Orientation, End of Stay/Program Orientation and Re-entry/Return Orientation).
- Program Enrichment Activities
- Medical Insurance
- Monthly Stipend

List of documents and requirement that not covered by the KAKEHASHI Program and has to prepared by the program candidates:

- Passport
- DSWD Travel Clearance for Minor
- Medical Examinations
- Pre-existing medical conditions and allergies, dental care, and eye care.
- Excess or overweight baggage cost.
- Personal expenses and trips during program.

Essay Part I

Complete name as appears on PSA birth certificate/passport/school record: (Last/First/Middle)
Note: No cursive allowed.

Program:

Asia KAKEHASHI Project
20__ to 20__

**What are the characteristics of a Youth Ambassador need to be successful
and how you demonstrated those characteristics?**
(300 words max)

Essay Part II

Complete name as appears on PSA birth certificate/passport/school record: (Last/First/Middle)
Note: No cursive allowed.

Program:

Asia KAKEHASHI Project
20__ to 20__

What makes you uniquely suited to this program? (300 words max)

Essay Part III

Complete name as appears on PSA birth certificate/passport/school record: (Last/First/Middle)
Note: No cursive allowed.

Program:

Asia KAKEHASHI Project
20__ to 20__

Describe how participation in the Asia KAKEHASHI Project would help you achieve your personal, academic, or professional goals. (300 words max)

Essay Part IV

Complete name as appears on PSA birth certificate/passport/school record: (Last/First/Middle)
Note: No cursive allowed.

Program:

Asia KAKEHASHI Project
20__ to 20__

How would you describe “Intercultural Learning” and what is its role in connecting communities? (300 words max)

Essay Part V

Complete name as appears on PSA birth certificate/passport/school record: (Last/First/Middle)
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Program:

Asia KAKEHASHI Project
20__ to 20__

Describe how and why you have been involved in community activities or volunteer experiences and what you learned from the experiences. (300 words max)

CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT

I hereby certify that above information on my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. I understand that any false information may cause my disqualification from the program. And any incomplete information will lead to disqualification.

If selected as grantee, I commit to participate actively in all activities before, during and after the YES Program.

Signature over printed name of applicant

Date

Parent's/Guardian's consent for the applicant to participate in the program.

Signature over printed name of father/guardian

Date

Signature over printed name of mother/guardian

Date

SUBMISSION POLICY

1. All applications must be received by AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines **NO LATER** than 4:00 PM on July 12, 2019.
2. Applications can be submitted to AFS Philippines as printed or scanned copies.
3. If submitting an application via soft/scanned copies, all pages and requirements must be scanned clearly with 100 dpi resolution, in PDF format and sent to phi.programs@afs.org with the email subject: KAKEHASHI 2020-2021 / Application_Surname_First Name (*Example: KAKEHASHI 2020 - 2021 Application_Ali_Fatima*)
4. And if submitting as printed copies, direct it to **AFS PHILIPPINES PROGRAMS** at the complete address below:

AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines
Unit 1607, 16F Antel Global Corporate Center
No.3 Doña Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center
1600, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines

TeleFax: (02)584-2002

Email Address: phi.programs@afs.org

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Pre-application is provided free of any charges and can be photocopied.
2. AFS/Japan Embassy in the Philippines Staff and AFS/KAKEHASHI Alumni do not collect any fees from KAKEHASHI applicants or schools.
3. Japanese Host School do not provide an official Transcript of Grade nor a Diploma.
4. Japan Grade Accreditation will be the participant's school (Philippine School) discretion; All concerns regarding grade placement/accreditation in the Philippines is not covered by the Asia KAKEHASHI Project. Thus, participants are highly encouraged to communicate this kind of concern to their school in the Philippines.
5. All immediate family members of AFS Philippines – administered sponsored programs scholars and alumni (ASEAN, ACCUUNESCO, Akiko's Wish, Egypt Educator, JENESYS, Kizuna, AFS INT Diversity, YES, PYLP, AAI Journalism Grant, Kamenori, NEXT 50, Hiroshima, Marching J, The 1956, corporate scholarships, etc.) up to first degree (by birth or by marriage), as well as AFS Philippines staff and board members up to the third degree (by birth or by marriage), and or those who have been granted of any Japanese Government funded scholarship are regrettably automatically disqualified from apply to this program.