



## **Ottawa Japanese Language School Scholarship - Description**

### **Scholarship Description**

1. OJLS is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. After 30 years of operation, OJLS intends on using some of the accumulated funding to finance a scholarship program that would benefit deserving students.
2. One scholarship of \$300 will be awarded annually. However, the availability will be contingent on OJLS financial situation and a decision will be made on a year-by-year basis. The OJLS Board of directors may also decide to increase the number of scholarships in the future.
3. The objective of the scholarship is to support deserving OJLS students who are actively committed to furthering their understanding of the Japanese language and culture.
4. The deadline for application is 31 January, every year.

### **Required Qualifications**

5. Applicants must have been an OJLS student for a minimum of two consecutive semesters and have clearly demonstrated a commitment to furthering their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture
6. OJLS Board members will not be eligible for the scholarship.

### **Application Procedure**

7. The application procedure is a two-step process:
  - a. Fill out an application form (name, date of birth, years of study of Japanese at OJLS and other schools, etc.); and
  - b. Write a short essay of 200 to 300 words describing the intended use of the funds and how this would further the applicant's understanding of the Japanese language and culture. Applicants may also explain how the scholarship would further their understanding of the Japanese community and of Canada-Japan cross-cultural relations.

### **Judging Criteria**

8. A review committee will be selected by the OJLS Board of Directors. It will be made up of a combination of OJLS principal, board members, and teachers, and will evaluate individual submissions. The committee will make a recommendation to the OJLS Board of Directors which will confirm the decision. Any potential review committee with an actual or apparent conflict of interest will be expected to self-exclude themselves.

9. Applicants will have to clearly demonstrate a commitment to furthering their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture. Regular attendance of weekly OJLS classes will be taken into consideration. They will also have to state their intended use of the scholarship money.

10. The reviewing committee will make a pre-selection of potential recipients based on submitted essays. It will then interview those selected candidates. During the interview, depending on their proficiency, some candidates may be asked questions in Japanese, and may be expected to answer in Japanese.

11. The award recipient will inform the Board of how the funds have been used and how he or she benefited, together with any comments for improving the scholarship program

12. If no creditable application is received, the scholarship will not be awarded that year.

### **Announcement of winner**

13. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Annual General Meeting held at the end of the second semester.



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## **Ottawa Japanese Language School Scholarship Application Form**

**1. Name:**

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**2. Birth date:**

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**3. Address:**

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**4. Phone Number:**

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**5. Email Address:**

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**6. How many years have you studied the Japanese language?**

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**7. How many semesters have you studied at OJLS (including current semester)?**

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**8. What is your current class level and who is your teacher?**

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**9. Please list any other Japan-related activities you have participated in:**

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**10. On a separate sheet please write a short essay of 200 to 300 words describing the intended use of the funds and how this would further the applicant's understanding of the Japanese language and culture. Applicants may also explain how the scholarship would further their understanding of the Japanese community and of Canada-Japan cross-cultural relations and provide any additional information of relevance.**

**Applicant's (or guardian's) Signature Date:**

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*Please return completed form to: Kazuko Kobayashi*