

Japan Visa Application Information

Japanese Citizens

You do not need a visa. Ensure that your Japanese passport is valid and that you have the proper documents to re-enter the U.S.

Non-U.S. Citizens

Contact the Japan Consulate to determine your visa requirements. Requirements and processing times for non-U.S. citizens may vary. Ensure that you have the proper documents to re-enter the U.S.

U.S. Citizens on Fall, Year, or Spring Programs

To apply for a student visa, submit the following documents to the Japan Consulate. Make a copy set of everything.

- 1. Your U.S. passport:** Must be valid for your entire stay in Japan. Be sure your passport is signed.
- 2. Visa Application Form:** Download the visa application form for [San Francisco](#) or [Los Angeles](#) and refer to their [sample](#) for assistance. Exchange students do **not** need to provide personal Guarantor information (birthdate, relationship, occupation, nationality, etc).
- 3. One recent official passport photo:** (cut to 2" x 2") A vending machine photo is not acceptable. Print your name on the back of the photo.
- 4. Certificate of Eligibility for Residence Status:** You must submit the original **and** one photocopy (keep an extra photocopy for your records). The Consulate will return your Certificate of Eligibility to you along with your passport. Keep it with your passport, as you will need it when you enter Japan.
- 5. Acceptance Letter from Host Institution:** You need to submit the original letter. The Consulate will return the letter to you along with your passport.
- 6. Visa Fee:** There is no visa application fee for U.S. citizens.

Visa Processing Time and Locations

Visas are issued in 5 business days for U.S. citizens if all documents are in order, but issuance time at each Consulate may vary. All questions about visas should be directed to the Japanese Consulate.

Your visa can be issued in the region where you have a local address. If you have a valid address in both regions, you can choose either consulate to apply for a visa. For example, some students attend a UC campus in Southern California and have a parental address in Northern California.

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