

Financial support if you are a student in Japan

If you are a student in Japan, you can have two main sources of money:
Scholarship and Part-time Job.

SCHOLARSHIP

You can apply for a scholarship before arriving in Japan or after coming to Japan, once you are already enrolled in a school. In the second case there are many more options than applying from your own country.

The application is usually through your school and it requires your Name, Age, Country, School name and your resume. If you are a researcher, the application usually requires you to submit the list of your publications and conferences.. the most the better!

Most of the scholarships only require an application but other can have a second selection with an interview or a test.

To know which scholarship, you can apply for you can look on Internet or ask your school office to have information about it.

Many schools also offer you the opportunity to apply for a tuition exemption so you might be able to be exempted to paying school fee.

PART-TIME JOB

Having a part-time job is usually very common for students in Japan, both Japanese and international. If you want to work, make sure your Visa status allows you to do it and make sure it does not affect your studies. If you are a student, you are not supposed to work more than 28 hours per week.

The average payment is between 800 and 1000 yen per hour, so having a part-time job it usually does not cover all your living expenses. For this reason, many students cannot only depend by part-time salary, but they also have a scholarship. Sometimes, also your school can offer the possibility of part-time jobs like teaching assistant and research assistant. If you have the chance try to apply for these jobs, coming from your school they are surely reliable and safe, and they give you the possibility to work in the same environment as where you study.
