

Application Guidelines for the Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship for the 2020 Academic Year (Spring Semester)

[Economic distress including sudden changes to household finances due to the impact of the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease)]

[Economic distress for other reasons]

Keio University has begun large-scale economic support utilizing the Degree Completion Scholarship for Keio students whose economic circumstances have deteriorated due to experiencing sudden changes in household finances or a reduction in income for part-time work due to the impact of COVID-19's spread.

The purpose of this scholarship is to support students who desire to study and are highly motivated to learn but due to deteriorating finances as a result of sudden changes in household finances, etc., or continuous financial difficulties, find it difficult to continue with their education. **The recruitment of scholarship students for the Spring Semester of the 2020 academic year will especially focus on economic support for students who have experienced a dramatic deterioration in household finances, etc., due to the impact of COVID-19's spread, and the scale of the scholarship provision has been significantly expanded compared to previous years.**

(The application guidelines for "students of households affected by severe disasters" such as damage from typhoons in 2019 will be announced separately.)

Details

1. Eligibility Criteria: Students must meet all of the following criteria.

- Undergraduate or graduate student (including privately-financed international students)
- Have a strong determination to graduate and will make every effort to realize this.
- Students who are hindered from continuing their studies due to difficulties in securing the necessary funding for their academic fees and expenses as a result of one of the following:
 - (a) **Significant reduction in the earnings of household supporters due to the impact of COVID-19's spread**
 - (b) Dramatic deterioration in economic circumstances but (a) does not apply
 - (c) Your household has been in a continuous state of impoverishment with no expectation for alleviation

[Undergraduate students (students with Japanese citizenship, etc.) only] The Japanese government's "New Study Support System for Higher Education" can be received in conjunction with this scholarship.

The "New Study Support System for Higher Education" (hereinafter the "New System") is an economic support system which was introduced in the 2020 academic year by the Japanese government. Undergraduate students who are from households exempted from paying resident tax or equivalent households are eligible. Students are also eligible in cases of sudden changes in household finances and earnings are expected to decrease to the same level as a result. (Certain conditions such as the student's academic record apply.) Students who are accepted can receive a stipend as well as a partial reduction in tuition fees. It can be received in conjunction with the "Degree Completion Scholarship." All students who have a possibility of being accepted for the government's New System are strongly recommended to apply as it is a generous support measure. (For details, please check the "New Study Support System for Higher Education" page on the student website: <https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/com/scholarships/tuition/reduction.html>.)

The Japan Student Services Organization's (JASSO) "Scholarship Payment Simulation (for guardians)" can be used to determine if there is a possibility of being accepted for the New System. Everyone is to submit a copy of the Scholarship Payment Simulation's result screen when applying. (Refer to the "Attachment" on how to apply)

2. Scholarship Amount: Amount approved by Keio University upon comprehensively assessing the economic circumstances of applicants (maximum annual amount of 400,000 yen)

(The average scholarship amount for the 2019 academic year was around 312,000 yen.)

3. Scholarship Duration: 1 year (Recipients may re-apply in the following academic year)

4. Number of scholarships: Approximately 1300 recipients

5. Application Documents:

For Japanese students and international students whose status is “Permanent resident”; “Special permanent resident”; “Long-term resident”; “Dependent”; or “Child or spouse of Japanese national (permanent resident).”

Complete set of documents listed in the attachment, “Degree Completion Scholarship (Spring Semester) Checklist”

→ Undergraduate students

https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/files/en_2020shugakua_check_g.pdf

→ Graduate students

https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/files/en_2020shugakua_check_i.pdf

(An explanation of the required documents is provided in the booklet, “Scholarship Information Guidebook.” Because it will take time to obtain some of the documents such as the “Certificate of Annual Income” which are required to ascertain the financial situation of a household, please begin preparing upon consulting with your family members.)

How to submit the result screen for the Japan Student Services Organization's (JASSO) “Scholarship Payment Simulation (for guardians)” is below:

https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/files/en_JASSOkyufu_simulation.pdf

*For this application only, prescribed form ㊤ at the end of the Scholarship Information Guidebook, “Checklist for Internal, Private Organization, and Local Government Scholarships,” will not be used.

For privately-financed international students whose status of residence is “Student”

*Note: Applications will not be accepted from students who have not completed the Scholarship Applicant Registration for the Spring Semester 2020 academic year.

(Download forms 1) and 4) below from the student website:

<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/apply/form.html>.)

1) Scholarship Application Form

2) A copy of the applicant’s bankbook (two-page spread showing account name and details)

3) Statement of Purpose (within one A4 sheet; may be word processed)

Please describe in detail about your household’s financial situation and your personal income from part-time work.

4) Study Plan *Only for students who are repeating a year. (Students who received a “repetition required” evaluation in a previous year due to poor academic results and have not yet completed that year). In addition to the Statement of Purpose, please provide a study plan explaining intended course of action towards completion of degree (why year had to be repeated, intended improvements, future study plan, future goals, etc.).

6. How to apply:

- Submit the complete set of application documents by post (*Refer to the below URL for information on how to submit by post)

<https://www.students.keio.ac.jp/en/com/scholarships/covid-19.html>

※For privately-financed international students, please apply by e-mail according to the International Center web site (<http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/available.html>).

7. Application deadlines, announcement of successful applicants, and payment of scholarship

[First deadline]

Application deadline: must arrive at the university by May 22 (Fri.)

Announcement of successful applicants: June 3 (Wed.) (tentative)

Payment of scholarship: June 8 (Mon.) (tentative)

[Second deadline]

Application deadline: must arrive at the university by June 5 (Fri.)

Announcement of successful applicants: June 17 (Wed.) (tentative)

Scholarship payment: June 22 (Mon.) (tentative)

*The abovementioned "scholarship payment dates" may be delayed by several days depending on various factors.

8. Other:

- If the applicant is already receiving another scholarship, this may be taken into consideration during the selection process.
- It is possible to also apply for the "Year 2000 Commemorative Education Fund Emergency Scholarship," which recruits students during the same period.
- Students who receive the Degree Completion Scholarship (Spring Semester) will in principle not be accepted for the Degree Completion Scholarship (Fall Semester) or for any of the "110 Mita-kai Commemorative Scholarship," "118 Mita-kai Commemorative Scholarship," "121 Mita-kai Commemorative Scholarship," and "Year 2000 Commemorative Education Fund Emergency Scholarship," which are all for the purpose of supporting persons experiencing sudden changes in household finances and are recruiting in the 2020 academic year.