

Fast Retailing Foundation Scholarship FAQ

Note: "Three countries" refers to Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines

Category	Subcategory	Questions	Answers
Scholarship Program	Requirement	I have dual citizenship (one of the three countries and another nationality). Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?	Yes. Please note that you must retain your nationality from one of the three countries while studying at a university in Japan as part of the scholarship program.
	Requirement	While I am not a citizen of any of the three countries, I intend to graduate from a high school in one of them. Am I eligible for the scholarship?	No. This scholarship is only available to students who hold citizenship in one of the FR scholarship-eligible countries.
	Requirement	I am a citizen of an FR scholarship-eligible country but currently studying at a high school outside of those countries. Can I apply for the scholarship?	No. To be eligible, you must hold citizenship in an FR scholarship-eligible country and graduate from a high school located in that same country.
	Requirement	I am enrolled in an international school. Can I apply for a scholarship?	Yes, as long as your international school is located in your country of citizenship that is eligible for the FR scholarship. International schools outside your country of citizenship are not eligible.
	Requirement	I will graduate from high school this year and plan to go to university in my country of citizenship from September. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?	Yes, you can apply if you are 19 years old or younger at the time you enter university in Japan.
	Requirement	I am currently a university student in an FR scholarship-eligible country. Can I apply for the scholarship?	Yes, you can apply only if you graduated from a high school located in your country of citizenship that is eligible for the FR scholarship, and you are 19 years old or younger when you start university in Japan.
	Requirement	I plan to enroll in a university after next year. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?	No. You must begin your university studies in the year specified in the application guidelines.
	Requirement	I was accepted to a designated university this year but found out about this scholarship later. Can I defer my enrollment and apply next year?	No, you must enroll in the year you are accepted by the designated university to be eligible for the scholarship.
	Requirement	Will I receive the scholarship if I am selected, but not admitted to a designated university?	No, you must be accepted to a designated university in Japan to receive the scholarship.
	Requirement	Can I apply for scholarships from other organizations as well as the Fast Retailing Foundation?	You may apply for other scholarships, but you cannot hold another scholarship concurrently with the Fast Retailing Foundation scholarship.
	Designated University	Does the scholarship cover Master's or Doctoral programs at designated universities?	No, the scholarship is only for undergraduate (bachelor's) degree programs, in principle.
	Designated University	Can I receive the scholarship if I am accepted to a university not on the designated list?	No, only universities designated by the FR Foundation are eligible for this scholarship.
	Designated University	Would preliminary Japanese language course at designated universities be covered by the scholarship?	If the preliminary course is mandatory for enrollment in the regular program, it will also be covered by the scholarship.
Application Process	Application	Can I submit my application form in a local language?	No, all applications must be submitted in English.
	GPA	How should I convert my grades to a 4-point scale?	There is no official conversion method. Please refer to your school or reliable resources for guidance.
	GPA	I dropped out of high school once and transferred to another high school in my country of citizenship. Should I submit separate GPAs?	Please combine your grades from all high schools attended in your country of citizenship into a single GPA.
	Test Score	Is an SAT Superscore accepted for the application?	No, SAT Superscores are not accepted.
	Test Score	Is it mandatory to submit Academic scores (SAT, ACT, EJU etc.) and English scores at the time of application?	Submitting academic and English test scores with your application is strongly recommended.
	Test Score	I have received my education in English. Is it mandatory to submit an English proficiency exam score with my application?	Yes, in principle.
	Test Score	What academic scores (SAT /ACT /EJU etc.) should I submit?	Please confirm the requirements of your designated university or universities and prepare the appropriate academic scores. Depending on your intended major and university, there may be specific subject or test requirements. Make sure to carefully review the application guidelines for your chosen university and major, and ensure you meet all necessary criteria.
	Test Score	Can I use MyBest Score for TOEFL iBT with my application?	Yes, you may submit either your MyBest Score or your highest total score.
	Test Score	Under the new TOEFL scoring system, what is the minimum score required?	For the new TOEFL score bands, the corresponding scores based on the current 120-point scoring scale will be indicated. Please enter that score.
	Test Score	Can I apply with my predicted IB grade?	Yes, predicted IB grades are accepted.
	Test Score	Do applicants need to specify the scores for each IB subject, as well as whether each subject is taken at Higher Level or Standard Level?	Please clearly specify the scores for each IB subject and the level (Higher Level or Standard Level) in the remarks section of our application form. As the required subjects and levels vary by university, applicants are strongly advised to review the application guidelines of each university carefully in advance.
	Test Score	I have not obtained a specified language exam score, but have a Duolingo English Test score. May I submit that score?	You may enter your Duolingo English Test score under "Other Language Proficiency."
	Test Score	When should I submit my certificate for test scores?	You must be able to submit your official test score certificates promptly if requested by the Foundation.
	Experience Living Abroad	Does "experience living abroad" include short-term travel or school trips?	No, only stays of more than three months, such as for a parent's work relocation, attending a local school, or homestays, are considered.
	Income	Is proof of my guardians' income required?	No. However, if any information in your application is later found to be false after you have been awarded the scholarship, the scholarship may be suspended and you may be required to return the funds.
	Interview	I live far from the interview venue. Is it possible to have an online interview instead?	No, the first and final interviews must be attended in the manner specified by the Foundation. Requests for changes will not be accepted.
Interview	Is it possible to reschedule my interview if I am unavailable on the designated date?	No, interview dates are fixed and cannot be changed at the applicant's request.	
Other	Other	Can I contact you regarding the scholarship in my local language?	No, inquiries are accepted only in English or Japanese.
	Other	If I pass the final interview of the scholarship, do I need to apply to the designated universities on my own?	Yes, you must apply to the designated universities independently and be accepted to receive the scholarship.
	Other	Are the average English based standardized test scores or English proficiency test scores of successful applicants to the target universities disclosed?	Some universities publish this information on their official websites. Please refer to each university's website for details. Example: Nagoya University https://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Standardized-Test-2023-2025.pdf Waseda University https://www.waseda.jp/inst/admission/en/undergraduate/english/
	Other	Will the scholarship be available next year? Will there be any changes to the program?	Please check our website for updates and review the application guidelines for the year you plan to apply.
	Other	How do I apply for a student visa and entry to Japan?	After you are accepted by a university, please follow the instructions provided by your university regarding visa and entry procedures.
	Other	I have financial difficulties and would like to receive part of the scholarship before coming to Japan. Is that possible?	In principle, you are responsible for all expenses before the first scholarship payment, which will be made after you arrive in Japan. Some universities may allow you to defer certain payments; please contact your university for details.
	Other	Are there opportunities to interact with and be inspired by other scholars after I am accepted for the scholarship?	Yes, there will be a ceremony, pre-camps for new scholars, gatherings with senior scholars in Japan, and other community activities.
	Other	Is Japanese language proficiency required to apply for the scholarship?	No, Japanese proficiency is not required at the time of application. However, you are expected to learn Japanese during your studies and reach at least N2 level on the Japanese Language Proficiency Test by graduation.