

Mondale Scholarship Program, 2012-2013 Academic Year
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Letter of Recommendation for: _____
(Student's name)

The above-named student has indicated an interest in the Mondale Scholarship Program for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Japan America Society of Minnesota offers the Mondale Scholarship to undergraduate students in Minnesota colleges and universities who want to broaden their knowledge of Japan through a combination of study and travel. The scholarship is specifically to be used for travel to or within Japan before, during, or after the student's specified term(s) of study.

Each applicant is asked to provide two letters of recommendation that address three areas:

1. How will this trip be valuable to the applicant?
2. What are the characteristics of the applicant that will serve him/her well in this study abroad endeavor?
3. Please tell the committee any additional information you believe will strengthen the student's application for the scholarship.

Please type your response below or attach no more than one separate sheet (include the applicant's name on the separate sheet), and submit to:

Mondale Scholarship Program
Japan America Society of Minnesota
Riverplace EH-131
43 Main Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

All letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than Monday, June 11, 2012.

**Mondale Scholarship Program, 2012-2013 Academic Year
APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

College Address _____
(if different than permanent address)

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Social Security Number _____ (check one) U.S. Citizen* ____ Resident Alien* ____
*Applicants must be either a U.S. citizen or resident alien to qualify

College/university currently attending _____

College major _____ Note: All college majors welcome!

Program you plan to attend in Japan _____

Community/School organization activities _____

Leadership experience _____

Names and titles/positions of references (attach recommendation forms or send separately to JASM):

1. _____

2. _____

Please attach to this application form the following materials (no staples, please):

1. Essay.

Why do you want to study and travel in Japan? What is your primary purpose for going to Japan?
How you intend to spend the \$1,500 scholarship award?

The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and no more than two pages in length.

2. Two letters of recommendation (see letter of recommendation form for guidelines).

3. A copy of the letter of acceptance you received from your Japanese host institution.

4. Official transcript(s). You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible.

Request an official transcript be sent from each college or university you have attended to the following address: Mondale Scholarship Program, Japan America Society of Minnesota, Riverplace EH-131, 43 Main Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

All applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, June 11, 2012.

Mondale Scholarship Program, 2012-2013 Academic Year APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Japan America Society of Minnesota (JASM) will award the Mondale Scholarship to Minnesota undergraduate students enrolled in Minnesota colleges and universities who want to broaden their knowledge of Japan through a combination of study and travel. JASM will offer up to \$3,000 in scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. The selection committee has the discretion to award up to two \$1,500 scholarships. The awards are specifically to be used for travel to or within Japan before, during, or after the student's specified term(s) of study.

The application process consists of the completion and submission of the following items:

1. Application form
2. Official college/university transcript(s) from all institutions attended
3. Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
4. Two letters of recommendation. These letters should come from a faculty member or a member of the applicant's community of residence who know the applicant well and who can attest to the applicant's desire to spend time studying and traveling in Japan.
5. An essay that addresses these questions: Why do you want to study and travel in Japan? What is your goal for this experience? How do you intend to use the scholarship dollars? The essay must be no longer than two double-spaced typewritten pages.
6. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the intended program of study in Japan.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, June 11, 2012.

The selection committee will review all applications and select finalists for interviews. These interviews will be held between June 11 and the end of July 2012. Applicants unable to participate in the interview process may be disqualified by the selection committee.

Please note:

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or resident aliens currently enrolled at a Minnesota college or university. The awardees will be asked to provide quarterly written reports on their experience while in Japan and to make a personal appearance at a Japan America Society of Minnesota function during the semester after their travel is completed.

Scholarship awards are generally not considered taxable income if used for tuition, books, or other similar educational expenses. Award recipients should consult with a tax advisor to understand their potential tax liability.