

## **Japanese Language Immersion Course – Overseas Students (Student Visa)**

This course is for students coming from abroad. The course includes visa sponsorship and must be attended for a minimum of one year. Students who already have a long-term Japanese visa should consider signing up as a local student.

### **Courses:**

Two course lengths are available:

The 1-year Japanese course begins in April.

The 1.5-year course begins in October.

\*It is possible for students taking the 1-year Japanese course to also take a 1-year Japanese culture course, totaling 2 years.

### **Maximum Enrollment:**

Enrollment is limited to 80 students, with a maximum class size of 15.

### **Class Hours:**

Class is held Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:50 PM. Each day is divided into 5 periods of 50 minutes each, totaling 25 hours per week (940 hours per year).

### **Application Prerequisites:**

Prior to beginning classes, all applicants must:

1. Complete 12 years of education, or complete a curriculum qualifying them to attend a university or school of higher learning in their own country; and
2. Complete enough Japanese study to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level 4 (roughly 150 hours of study).

### **Visa Type:**

Students will receive a 1-year student visa.

### **Application Deadlines:**

Course Type	Starting Date	Applications accepted	Results available by
1-year Course	April	Sept. through early Dec.	Late February
1.5-year Course	October	April through early June	Late August

### **Application Procedures:**

#### 1. Apply

The student should have a contact person living in Japan apply directly to the YMCA on their behalf. The contact person should make an appointment before coming to the YMCA (closed weekends and holidays). If the student does not know anyone living in Japan, they should contact the YMCA directly. Along with the application materials, the student will pay the application fee.

## 2. Get Accepted

Once all required documents are received and a student is accepted for admission, the YMCA will send the student's information to the Bureau of Immigration. At this point, the student must pay the entry fee. Occasionally, an onsite admission test is necessary, in which case a representative of the YMCA will come to you.

## 3. Get Your Visa

The YMCA will receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the Bureau of Immigration, at which point the student must pay tuition and the maintenance fee. Once the payment has been confirmed, the YMCA will give the Certificate of Eligibility to the student, allowing the student to receive a student visa from the immigration office.

### Course Fees:

Course Type	Application Fee	Entrance Fee	Tuition	Maintenance Fee	Total
1-year Course	Y20,000	Y120,000	Y640,000	Y30,000	Y810,000
1.5-year Course	Y20,000	Y120,000	Y960,000	Y50,000	Y1,150,000

\*In addition to the costs listed above, there will be extra expenses required for books and school supplies, extracurricular activities, and the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

\*Unfortunately, the Application Fee can not be refunded under any circumstances.

### Documents Required at Time of Application

1. YMCA Application Form	2. 7 Passport Photos	3. Certificate of Graduation/Diploma
4. Reason for Studying Japanese (Statement of Purpose)	5. School Transcript	6. Proof of Japanese Language Education or Ability (JLPT, etc.)
7. Financial Guarantor's Payment Agreement	8. Financial Guarantor's Proof of Income (Pay Stub, etc.)	9. Financial Guarantor's Bank Statement
10. Proof of Financial Guarantor's Current Employment (Letter of Employment, etc.)	11. Proof of Guarantor's Relation to the Student	12. Other Documents as Required