

FAQ for the Meiji University Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (Spring selection in the academic year 2026)

Category		Question	Answer
Eligibility	Status of residence	I have not yet obtained a valid "Student" status of residence(Ryugaku). Can I apply for this scholarship?	You are eligible if you meet either of the following (a) or (b) by the scholarship application deadline. (a) You have applied for a COE through the International Student Office. (b) You have already taken the procedures to obtain "Student" resident status (Eg. Extension of Period of Stay, Change of Resident Status).
		Can I apply if I my status of residence is not "Student"?	No, you are not eligible. However, you may apply if you are currently in the process of changing your status to "Student,". For more details, please refer to the answer in the above box.
		I am currently in the process of extending/changing my resident status now. Do I have to submit the application slip from the Immigration office?	No, it is not necessary to submit the application slip or related documents at this time.
	Grade	Last academic year, I took a leave of absence that caused me to remain at the same grade, can I still apply?	Please contact the International Student Office by email because you may still be eligible depending on your circumstances.
	Name on the rental agreement	My name is not on the rental agreement. Do I still meet the eligibility requirements?(e.g.,living with relatives, etc.)	You are eligible to apply if you meet either of the following conditions: 1. Your name is listed as a resident in the rental agreement. 2. The address on your Certificate of Residence matches the address on the rental agreement.
	Others	Can I still apply for this scholarship even though I didn't pay my tuition fee on time? I am receiving another scholarship. Am I still eligible to apply?	Yes. Delays in tuition payment don't affect your eligibility for this scholarship. Students receiving the Meiji University Graduate School Research Scholarship are Not eligible. There are no restrictions regarding other scholarships.
Application documents	How to apply	Can I bring my application to the International Student Office?	No. Applications must be submitted ONLINE only. In-person submissions will not be accepted.
	Rental agreement	The rental agreement is written in Chinese. Can I submit a translation I did myself?	Self-translated documents are not accepted. Please request a Japanese translation from a professional translation agency. Additionally, you must submit a "Certificate of Translation" issued by the agency as proof.
		I live in a dormitory, so I don't have a rental agreement. I only have a dormitory application form.	Even if it is not a rental agreement, an alternative document is acceptable as long as it clearly states the following three items: ①Contract holder's name ②Monthly rent amount ③Contract period However, private lodgings (minpaku) and long-stay hotels are not eligible, as they do not allow for resident registration.
Certificate of Residence	I have not registered my residence yet, so I cannot submit a certificate of residence.	If you cannot submit a Certificate of Residence, we cannot verify your address; therefore, you are ineligible. Please note: Under Japanese law, you must register their residence at your local ward/city office within 14 days of deciding on a new address. Therefore, regardless of whether you apply for this scholarship or not, please complete this registration promptly.	