



# SASAKAWA

## International Scholarship Fund

# SASAKAWA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Nippon Foundation's Sasakawa International Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to qualified, deserving deaf international students who are enrolled in degree-granting programs at Gallaudet University. The scholarship goes to students who are at least in their second year of study to help ensure they have the financial means to complete their degree and graduate. Scholarship recipients who wish to pursue an additional degree are not eligible for ongoing support from the Sasakawa Fund.

Eligibility for a Sasakawa Scholarship is also conditional on a student's high academic achievement, as evidenced by grade point average, as well as demonstrated need for financial assistance. Students who receive a Sasakawa Scholarship are encouraged to use the knowledge and skills they gain as a result of earning a degree to improve the lives of deaf people in their home country or in other countries.

Funding is available ONLY for international undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees from the University. Students enrolled in the College of Continuing Studies or who are special visiting undergraduate or graduate students are not eligible.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the Sasakawa Scholarship are evaluated on the following criteria. The applicant:

- Is at least a second-year Gallaudet student. (First-year students are not eligible)
- Is not pursuing more than one degree. Students supported during their undergraduate studies are not eligible to receive support if they decide to go on to take graduate courses.
- Is deaf or hard of hearing.
- Is from a developing country, preferably one with a Nippon Foundation Project. (See the developing countries list.) **Note:** For the purposes of determining the developing country surcharge reduction, Gallaudet will consider the applicant as enrolled on the date that the admission packet and Form I-20 or DS-2019 is mailed to the individual or the first day of classes -- whichever is earlier. The list of developing countries that is in effect on that earlier date (mailing or first day of classes) will be applied to that new international student.
- Is in good disciplinary standing at the University.
- Has appropriate legal status for studying in the U.S.
- Is not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident.
- Can demonstrate financial need. (Note: Other sources of financial assistance the candidate has received will be taken into account.)
- Is an undergraduate student who has maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) to first receive the scholarship, or at least a 3.0 GPA to maintain the scholarship.  
OR: Is a graduate student with at least a 3.0 GPA to both receive and maintain the scholarship. (Academic progress reports must be submitted every semester.)
- Submit two letters of recommendation. Both letters can come from faculty or staff members at Gallaudet University who are familiar with the applicant's academic ability or performance. OR: one letter can come from a Gallaudet faculty or staff person and the other from someone from the applicant's home country who is familiar with the applicant's work in the deaf community or a project supported by the Nippon Foundation.

## SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The amount of funding awarded varies and is based on documented financial need.

### **Disclaimer**

The Nippon Foundation and Gallaudet University have high expectations pertaining to the behavior of all recipients of the award. Note that the specific nature of these expectations is subject to change, based on an individual's behavior.

# SASAKAWA FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

*All materials must be submitted in English no later than April 15, 2016.*

Please submit the following (Application Checklist):

- Completed all sections of the application (Pages 4 – 8).
- Submitted two letters of recommendation: Both letters can come from faculty or staff members at Gallaudet University who are familiar with the applicant's academic ability or performance OR, one letter can come from a Gallaudet faculty or staff person and the other from someone from the applicant's home country who is familiar with the applicant's work in the deaf community or a project supported by the Nippon *Foundation (Emailed letters of recommendation will not be accepted)*.
- Demonstration of financial need using the provided outline (Page 5).
- Transcripts from Gallaudet and other academic institutions attended.
- Photocopy of national passport (page showing passport number, name, nationality, date of birth, place of birth, date the passport was issued and date it expires).
- Attached current Gallaudet transcript.
- Signed the statement of intent (page 9).

**Deadline for receipt of all materials is April 15, 2016.**

Send completed application package to:

Sasakawa Scholarship Program Administrator  
Gallaudet University  
Office of Research Support and International Affairs  
Dawes House  
800 Florida Avenue NE  
Washington, DC 20002-3695

# SASAKAWA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

## PART A: PERSONAL DATA

Choose one:

Mr.  Ms.  Miss  Mrs.

Choose one:

Deaf  Hard of Hearing

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(As it appears on birth certificate/passport) Last Name (Family Name/Surname) First Name (Given Name) Middle Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gallaudet ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

### Current Address (Mailing Address)

Address line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City State/Province/Division Zip/Postal Code

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address Valid Until: Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

### Permanent Address in Home Country (if different from above)

Address line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City State/Province/Division Zip/Postal Code

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address Valid Until: Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Are you a U.S. Permanent Resident?  Yes  No

Have you applied for the U.S. Permanent Residency?  Yes  No

## **PART B: FINANCIAL NEED**

Have you received a Sasakawa Scholarship before? Yes  No

If yes, list the academic year the scholarship was received:

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**1. Describe how your financial situation has changed since arriving at Gallaudet.**

You must explain how you originally financed your education and why you are now unable to obtain the funding for continuing or completing your studies. Also, provide any documentation which supports your request. Please do not assume Office of Research Support and International Affairs is aware of all recent events in your country. Include in your letter any changes (i.e. natural disasters, changes in national economy) in your country which affect you or your family's ability to obtain the funding expected. Use a separate piece of paper if necessary

**2. How many people, including yourself, depend on the income of your parents for daily living expenses?**

**3. Enter the name and EXPECTED amount of support from other financial sources for the school year 2016/2017.**

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_
- v. \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART C: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

### **Academic Progress Requirements**

In order to receive and retain eligibility for the Sasakawa Scholarship, students must meet the standards for satisfactory academic progress (SAP). First time applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduates. Thereafter, a GPA of 3.0 is required to continue to receive the award. Failure to meet the minimum standards will result in termination of the award. Students who cease attending classes and who officially withdraw will be subject to cancellation of the scholarship.

### **Gallaudet Academic Experience**

**Academic program:**  Undergraduate  Graduate  Doctoral

**Current Class standing:** Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate I  Graduate II  Doctoral

**Expected graduation date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA**

**List your current fields of study or intended major and minor fields of study:**

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your academic goals:**

**Your career goals:**

**List any academic honors, scholarships, special awards, or certificate(s) received from Gallaudet:**

**Previous Educational Experience:**

**1. School Name:**

Address line 1

Address line 2

City State/Province/Division Zip/Postal Code  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

**2. School Name:**

Address line 1

Address line 2

City State/Province/Division Zip/Postal Code  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Facsimile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

**List any academic honors, scholarships, special awards, or certificate(s) received in the past:**

**PART D: COMMUNITY SERVICE IN DEAF COMMUNITY**

Name of Organization	Describe Services	Dates

**PART E: LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY ROLES**

Name of Organization	Leadership Role/Office Held	Dates





**Expectations of selected recipients:**

In order to receive and retain eligibility for the Sasakawa Scholarship, students must meet the standards for satisfactory academic progress. Failure to meet the minimum standards will result in termination of the award. Students who cease attending classes and who officially withdraw will be subject to cancellation of the scholarship.

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA and submit academic reports each semester to Research Support and International Affairs.
- Maintain good disciplinary standing at the University.
- Maintain legal status for studying in the United States.
- Participate in designated leadership development programs and activities at Gallaudet University.
- Represent the scholarship program when necessary.
- Upon graduation, apply learning to help Deaf communities around the world.

*I certify that I have read and fully understand the expectations and requirements for the Sasakawa Scholarship Fund. **If selected**, I agree to adhere to those expectations and requirements to the very best of my ability.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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