

Guide to the Program and Application Procedures

Academic Year 2025–2026
Japanese Language Department
Tenrikyo Language Institute (TLI)

1. Purpose of Education

The Japanese Language Department offers courses in the Japanese language and culture as well as the basic teachings with the aim of developing human resources capable of playing an active role in world salvation.

- (1) The department aims to guide students in developing an accurate understanding of the teachings and deepening their faith through implementing the teachings.
- (2) The department aims to guide students on how to apply their knowledge of the Japanese language to the tasks of the path such as taking care of Yoboku and followers who have returned to Jiba.
- (3) The department aims to guide students so that they are equipped to serve as a staff member of a mission facility in their country or region.

2. Period of Study

The duration of the program is one year.

3. Application Procedures

- (1) The maximum number of students is 40.

- (2) Requirements:

Applicants must satisfy the following two criteria (educational background and age):

- Applicants are expected to have completed at least twelve full years of formal education or an equivalent course in their respective countries.
- Applicants should fall within the age of 18 to 30 at the beginning of the academic year in which they plan to enroll at this institute. If individuals outside this age bracket wish to apply, it is advisable to first consult with the principal through a person from the applicant's church or directly supervised church who will be responsible for working with the applicant.

- (3) Application Period:

The application period is from 9:00 A.M. on August 15 to 4:30 P.M. on September 20, 2024. No applications will be accepted outside this period under any circumstances. Additionally, please note that the office is closed during the Grand Services and Monthly Services, on Sundays, and on national holidays. Furthermore, submissions are temporarily suspended between 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on weekdays. Please ensure that the application is submitted during the specified period and the designated hours.

- (4) Submission of Application:

Completed applications for admission must be submitted both in person and via email directly to the office of Tenrikyo Language Institute at **tenrikyogogakuin@gmail.com** by a person from the applicant's church or directly supervised church who will be responsible for working with the applicant and who can verify the completeness of the application and the authenticity of the documents. No mailed applications will be accepted. Please submit the printed application along with the electronic application data and scanned copies of required documents either as email attachments to the designated submission address or in person at the office using a USB drive or a similar device.

(5) Application Documents

Please carefully read the instructions for the application and ensure accuracy when filling in the application form.

- Applicants are required to input information for Forms ❶ to ❸ directly into Excel files.
- The recommender is required to input information for Form ❹ directly into an Excel file.
- The designated Health Certificate Form (❺) should be printed and attached to the application form after obtaining the doctor's signature on the printed form. The original document should be scanned for electronic submission. Please ensure that the scanned image is sharp and clear.
- For Item ❻–❼, the original certificates/facial photograph images should be scanned for electronic submission. Please ensure that the scanned image is sharp and clear.
- The completed application form should be printed at the directly supervised church to obtain the signature and seal of its head minister. Subsequently, submit the signed and sealed form (hard copy), along with its data (an Excel file), and the scanned copies of all other required documents. There is no need to scan the signed and sealed application form.

❶ Application for Admission

The signature and seal of the head minister of the applicant's directly supervised church are required. Applicants must obtain approval from the head of the mission headquarters, mission center, or mission post in his or her country or region. If no such mission facility exists in the country or region, the applicant must obtain approval from the chief of the relevant region-related section of Tenrikyo Overseas Department.

❷ Personal History

❸ Statement of Application

❹ Applicant's Essay

❺ Housing Application and Pledge (This form is required if applicants wish to live in the dormitory. The signature and seal of the head minister of the applicant's directly supervised church are required.)

❻ "Certificate of Eligibility" application information

❼ Information to Be Provided by the Recommender

❽ Health Certificate Form with the doctor's signature

❾ The scanned data of the applicant's high school transcript (including grades for each year) for all applicants

❿ The scanned data of the applicant's high school graduation certificate (or a certificate verifying that the applicant will graduate) for the applicants whose highest academic qualification is high school

⓫ The scanned data of the applicant's college/university graduation certificate (or certificate of enrollment) and a college/university transcript for applicants who graduated/are enrolled in college or university

⓬ The scanned data of the applicant's certificate of employment for those with occupations. (Item ❿ or ⓫ is also required, even if applicants submit a certificate of employment.)

⓭ The scanned data of the applicant's birth certificate (or official copy of family register)

⓮ The scanned data of the passport page containing the applicant's personal information is required for all applicants. Please ensure that applicants have obtained their passports before submitting the application.

⓯ The data of the applicant's identification photograph

Please provide a passport-sized photo taken after April, without a hat, facing forward, with a plain background. The photo should be approximately 600×450 pixels and around 300KB in size.

- ⑩ The scanned copy of the Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency is required for those who possess the certificate.
- ⑪ Self-funding students need to scan and submit the following documents electronically as soon as possible after receiving the notification of acceptance to school:
 - a) Letter of financial support in the designated form
 - b) Document that proves fund providers' relationships to the applicant
 - c) Bank certificate of fund providers (original copy)
 - d) Fund providers' tax payment or income certificate containing their gross income for the most recent year

(6) Application Fee:

- Please use a postal transfer form available at any Japan Post Office for the transaction. Kindly cover the transfer handling fee. Online banking is also accepted.
- The payment deadline is the same as the application deadline, which is September 20.
- The account number is 00990-5-45577 under the name of Tenrikyo Language Institute.
- Please use the communication or message fields on the postal transfer form to clearly state both the "name of the directly supervised church" and the "applicant's name."
- The application fee is 5,000 yen (no direct payment can be accepted at the office of Tenrikyo Language Institute).

(7) Notes on Application Procedures:

- ① Applications with missing or incorrect information will not be considered. Take special care to prepare certificates related to the applicant's educational background and employment history in accordance with the provided instructions.
- ② Be sure to submit scanned copies of original certificates issued after April 1, 2024, for all required documents. After passing, bring the original certificates at enrollment and submit them to the school without fail.
- ③ Once received, application documents and entrance examination fees will not be returned, regardless of the admission outcome or any reason.
- ④ If the applicant's name is different from the name appearing on the graduation certificate—for reasons such as marriage—a certificate that identifies the applicant must be submitted.
- ⑤ Providing false information in connection with the application will disqualify the applicant from consideration.
- ⑥ If you have ever applied to any other school in Japan, please provide relevant information on the Personal History form.

(8) Announcement of Admission:

The decision for admission will be based on the content of the application. Tenrikyo Language Institute will announce its decision in a letter that will be sent to the head minister of the directly supervised church with which the applicant is affiliated and a person from the applicant's church or directly supervised church who will be responsible for working with the applicant. Applicants will be notified of the decision via email. Additionally, a Certificate of Acceptance for Studies will be issued to successful applicants who have completed the necessary admission procedures.

(9) Passport and Visa:

- ① Prior to application, applicants are required to obtain a passport on their own and attach a scanned copy of the personal information page to the application form.
- ② By mid-November, Tenrikyo Language Institute will apply for the Certificate of Eligibility on behalf of the admitted students with the Immigration Services Agency.

- ③ Upon the issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility around March of the following year, the institute will send it to the admitted students.
- ④ Admitted students should bring the Certificate of Eligibility and passport to a Japanese embassy or consulate, proceed with the visa application process, and obtain the “Student” visa.

4. Program

(1) Class Subjects:

Grammar and Vocabulary; Chinese Characters; Listening; Reading; Conversation; Composition; Japanese Studies; Introduction to the Tenrikyo Teachings; and Service Dance and Musical Instrument Practice.

(2) Academic Year:

The academic year consists of three terms.

5. Period of Study

From the entrance ceremony on April 6, 2025, to the graduation ceremony on March 8, 2026.

6. Tuition and Other Fees

Entrance fee..... 30,000 yen

Tuition fee 360,000 yen (180,000 yen in April and 180,000 yen in October)

Course material fee 20,000 yen (at the time of entrance only)

Dormitory fee..... 33,000 yen (per month)

(Students who do not reside in the dormitory but wish to have a school lunch, which costs 250 yen per meal, may apply at Tenrikyo Language Institute.)

Please note that individuals from countries where the duration of formal education is only eleven years may not be eligible for admission to Japanese universities or junior colleges even after completing the program at the Japanese Language Department of Tenrikyo Language Institute. For further details, please inquire at the office of Tenrikyo Language Institute beforehand.