

Guide to the Program and Application Procedures

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 other followers who have returned to Jiba.
- (3) The department aims to nurture students who 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 Guidelines

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

Applicants are required to meet both of the following criteria (educational background and Japanese language proficiency):

 - An individual who has completed at least 12 years of formal education in their home country or an equivalent curriculum.
 - An individual who possesses Japanese language proficiency at the level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N5 or an equivalent level at the time of application.
- (3) Application Procedures:

Proceed with the proficiency test and application process in the following order (I) to (III).
For details, please refer to the school website (<https://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tli/>).

 - (I) Proficiency Test Period: August 1–August 31. All applicants must take the test online.

From April 25 onward, prepare and submit the “Consent Form” online according to the Proficiency Test Guidelines available on the website.
From May onward, begin self-study in Japanese using the learning site and supplementary materials provided.
Submit the “Hiragana and Katakana Chart” online by August.
Take the “Proficiency Test” online. Results will be provided immediately. Retakes are allowed.
 - (II) Submission of Application Data—Period: August 25–September 10. Submit via email.
 - Download the “Application Data File” from the website and complete it.
 - Submit the completed “Application Data File” and scanned copies of required certificates as email attachments to the application address below.
 - Note: A separate “Application Data File” is required for a Tenrikyo Ichiretsukai Foundation Scholarship application. After reviewing the submitted data, the TLI office will contact you.
 - (III) Submission of Application Documents—Period: September 11–28. Submit in printed form.

- Only the pages requiring the applicant's directory supervised church head minister's signature and seal (maximum of 2 formats: ❶ Application Form, ❸ Dormitory Application Form) need to be printed and submitted.

Note: For a Tenrikyo Ichiretsukai Foundation Scholarship application, an additional set of printed "Application Forms" (3 formats) must be submitted.

(4) Submission of Application:

Completed applications for admission must be submitted via email directly to the TLI office at tenrikyogogakuin@gmail.com

(5) Application Data

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

- We recommend using Microsoft Excel 2019 or later on Windows OS, or LibreOffice version 24 or later (free software).
- Application forms ❶ to ❹ must be filled out by the applicant in the Excel data file.
- Application form ❺ must be filled out by the recommender in the Excel data file.
- Self-funding applicants must fill out the application form ❽ (Guarantee of Payment for Expenses) in the Excel data file.
- For item ❾ (Health Certificate), please print the designated form and use it when undergoing a medical examination. Then scan the completed form and submit it as a clear PDF.
- For items ❿ to ❿⑥, please scan the original documents and certificates and submit them as a clear PDF.
- For item ❿⑦, please submit a JPEG photo taken according to the specified instructions.
- Print the application Excel file with all required fields completed at the applicant's directly supervised church. After it has been signed and sealed by the head minister of the applicant's directly supervised church, submit the printed application together with the application data file and the required certificate files.

Required for all applicants (Excel file)

- 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 their 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 Guarantee of Payment for Expenses
- ❾ Health Certificate Form with the doctor's signature
- ❿ The scanned data of the applicant's high school transcript (including grades for each year) for all applicants
- ❿① 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

- ⑫ 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
- ⑬ The scanned data of the applicant's certificate of employment for those with occupations. (Item ⑩ or ⑪ is also required, even if applicants submit a certificate of employment.)
- ⑭ The scanned data of the applicant's birth certificate (or official copy of family register)
- ⑮ 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.
- ⑯ [For applicable applicants only] Scan data of the JLPT Certificate of Passing or a Certificate of Japanese Study of 150 hours or more
- ⑰ The data of the applicant's identification photograph
A JPEG image taken in or after April, without a hat, facing forward, with a plain background, and without any digital alterations. The image should be approximately 600×450 pixels and around 300 KB.

(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 September 28.
- 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 TLI office).

(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, 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 and the result of the Proficiency Test. 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) Visa:

- ① By mid-November, Tenrikyo Language Institute will apply for the Certificate of Eligibility on behalf of the admitted students with the Immigration Services Agency.
- ② Upon the issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility toward the end of February of the following year, the institute will send it to the admitted students.
- ③ 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 to the graduation ceremony on March 8 of the following year.

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 40,000 yen (at the time of entrance only)
- Dormitory fee..... 33,000 yen (per month)

* Social security–related expenses required for residing in Japan (National Health Insurance, National Pension, and bicycle insurance) must be fully borne by the applicant.

* Those who do not reside in the dormitory but wish to have a school lunch, which costs 250 yen per meal, may apply at the TLI office.

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 TLI office beforehand.