

Guide to the Program and Application Procedures

Academic Year 2026–2027

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 of Tenrikyo 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 guide students so that they are equipped to serve as a staff member of a mission facility in their home 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 Japanese language proficiency):

- Applicants are expected to have completed at least twelve full years of formal education or an equivalent course in their respective countries.
- Applicants must have Japanese language proficiency equivalent to the N5 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) at the time of application. For those who wish, we offer pre-distribution of Japanese learning materials and a placement test.

- (3) Application Period:

The application period is from 9:00 A.M. on August 15 to 4:30 P.M. on September 20, 2025. 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 the 26ths, on Sundays, and on national holidays. Furthermore, submissions are temporarily suspended between 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays and weekdays. Please ensure that the application is submitted during the specified period and the designated hours.

- (4) Submission of Application:

Please submit the completed application form in both hard copy and digital format directly to the TLI office.

- Please note that we do not accept applications submitted by mail. All application forms and supporting documents in digital format including certificates will be checked for completeness and accuracy at the time of submission. Therefore, applicants are asked to arrange for the application form to be brought directly to the office by someone—from the applicant’s church or directly supervised church—who will be responsible for working with the applicant.
- In addition to the printed application form, please also submit the application data (an Excel/LibreOffice file) by email (**tenrikyogogakuin@gmail.com**) or by bringing a storage device such as a USB drive to the TLI office. For various certificates, please scan the original documents and submit the scanned data in PDF format using the same methods.

(5) Application Documents

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

- For completing the application form, we recommend using Microsoft Excel 2019 or later, or the free LibreOffice 24 or later.
- Applicants are required to complete Forms ❶ to ❸ (an Excel/LibreOffice file).
- The recommender is required to complete Form ❹ (an Excel/LibreOffice file).
- Only self-funded students are required to provide the “Guarantee of Payment for Expenses (❺: an Excel/LibreOffice file).” Please arrange for the individual—who will be responsible for the applicant’s expenses during their studies—to complete the Guarantee of Payment for Expenses and submit it in digital format. The name provided in the name field must be identical to the name on his/her passport.
- The designated Health Certificate Form (❻) should be printed and attached to the application form after obtaining the doctor’s signature on the printed form. Please also scan and submit it in digital format. Please note that the scanned image is sharp and clear.
- For Items ❸–❻, the original certificates should be scanned and submitted in digital format. Please ensure the scanned image is clear, sharp, and in PDF format.
- Please submit your facial photo (❼) as a JPEG image file, following the instructions provided.
- The completed application form should be printed at the applicant’s 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/LibreOffice 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 also 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 applicants’ country or region, they must obtain approval from the

chief of the relevant region-related section of Tenrikyo Overseas Department. In either case, applicants should proceed with the application process only after thorough consultation with their church members.

- ② Personal History
- ③ Statement of Application
- ④ Applicant's Essay
- ⑤ 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.)
- ⑥ "Certificate of Eligibility" application information
- ⑦ Information to Be Provided by the Recommender
- ⑧ Self-funding students are required to submit the following documents electronically as soon as possible after receiving the notification of acceptance to TLI:
 - a) Guarantee of Payment for Expenses (available on page 14 of the Application for Admission)
 - b) Document that proves the financial sponsor's relationship to the applicant
 - c) Bank certificate of the financial sponsor (original copy)
 - d) The financial sponsor's tax payment or income certificate containing his/her gross income for the most recent year
- ⑨ Health Certificate Form with the doctor's signature
- ⑩ The scanned data of the applicant's high school transcript (including grades for each year): Required for all applicants.
- ⑪ The scanned data of the applicant's high school graduation certificate (or a certificate verifying that the applicant will graduate): Required if the applicant's 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: Required for applicants who graduated/are enrolled in college or university.
- ⑬ The scanned data of the applicant's certificate of employment: Required for those with occupations. (Item ⑩ or ⑪ is also required, even if the applicant submits 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: Required for all applicants. Please ensure that the applicant has obtained his/her passport before submitting the application.
- ⑯ Scanned proof of Japanese language proficiency: Required for applicants who have passed the JLPT or studied Japanese for at least 150 hours. Examples include a JLPT Certificate or an official document from the institution where the applicant studied.
- ⑰ The data of the applicant's identification photograph

Facial photo data should be submitted as a JPEG image file, captured according to the following specifications: taken on or after April, without hat, front-facing, plain background, unedited. The image should be approximately 600 x 450 pixels and 300KB.

(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 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, 2025, for all required documents. After passing, bring the original certificates at enrollment and submit them to the TLI office without fail.
- ③ Once received, the application documents and the application fee will not be returned, regardless of the admission outcome or any reason.
- ④ If applicants have changed their name, and the name on their supporting documents does not match the name on their application, the applicant must include a document that verifies their identity.
- ⑤ Providing false information in connection with the application will disqualify the applicant from consideration.
- ⑥ Applicants who have a history of applying to other schools or institutions within Japan are required to provide details on their previous applications on the Personal History (②) form.

(8) Announcement of Admission:

The decision for admission will be based on the content of the application. TLI 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 the 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 the successful applicant who has 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, TLI 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, TLI 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, 2026 to the graduation ceremony on March 8, 2027.

6. Tuition and Other Fees

Entrance fee.....	30,000 yen	(We will issue a Certificate of Acceptance after confirming the payment of the entrance fee.)
Tuition fee.....	360,000 yen	(180,000 yen in April and 180,000 yen in October)
Course material fee.....	40,000 yen	(revised for Academic Year 2026–2027)
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 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 TLI. For further details, please inquire at the TLI office beforehand.