

Application Guidelines for the Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship for the 2020 Academic Year (Fall Semester)

[Financial difficulties including sudden changes to household finances due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic]
[Financial difficulties for other reasons]

The purpose of this scholarship is to support students who desire to study and are highly motivated to learn, but due to deteriorating finances as a result of sudden changes in household income, etc., or continuous financial difficulties, find it difficult to continue with their studies. The recruitment of scholarship students in the Fall Semester of the 2020 academic year is especially focused on financial support for students who have experienced a sudden deterioration in household finances, etc., primarily from June onward, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(The application guidelines of scholarships for “students from households affected by disasters of extreme severity,” such as the Kumamoto Earthquake, will be announced separately.)

Details

1. Eligibility Criteria (students must meet all of the following criteria)

- Undergraduate or graduate students (including privately-financed international students)
- Students with a strong determination to graduate (complete their degree program) and who will make every effort to realize this
- Students who are obstructed from continuing their studies due to difficulties in securing the funds required for academic fees and expenses as a result of one of the following:
 - (1) **Significant reduction in the income of the financial supporter due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from June 2020 onward**
 - (2) The financial situation of the student has suddenly deteriorated for reasons unrelated to (1) above
 - (3) The household of the student has been in a continuous state of impoverishment with no expectation for alleviation

■ In principle, students will not be selected if they have received or will receive payments from the “Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship (Spring Semester)” or from any of the “110 Mita-kai Commemorative Scholarship,” “118 Mita-Kai Commemorative Scholarship,” “121 Mita-kai Commemorative Scholarship,” and the “Year 2000 Commemorative Education Fund Emergency Scholarship (Spring Semester),” which are all aimed at supporting persons experiencing sudden changes in their household finances.

■ If students applied but were not successful in their applications to the “Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship (Spring Semester)” and the “Year 2000 Commemorative Education Fund Emergency Scholarship (Spring Semester)” in the 2020 academic year during the Spring Semester recruitment, they will not be selected even if they reapply this time unless there has been an update in the information relating to the income of the financial supporter of their household. It is necessary to submit documents indicating the latest financial situation of a household (Certificate of Expected Annual Income, etc.) at the time of reapplication.

2 Scholarship amount: amount approved by Keio University after comprehensively assessing the financial circumstances of the applicant (maximum of 400,000 yen per annum) (Reference: average annual payment was 312,000 yen for the “Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship” in the 2019 academic year)

3 Scholarship duration: 1 year (reapplications the following year permissible)

4 Number of scholarships: approx. 100 recipients planned (an increase in the number of scholarships may be considered depending on the situation surrounding applications)

5. Application Documents:

For Japanese students and

International students whose status is “Permanent resident,” “Special permanent resident,” “Long-term resident,” “Dependent,” or “Child or spouse of Japanese national (permanent resident)”

Prepare documents according to the “Keio University Degree Completion Scholarship [AY 2020 Fall Semester] Checklist” by referring to the Scholarship Information Guidebook and the page on the Keio University Student Website regarding Fall Semester scholarships for your campus.

- 1) AY 2020 Fall Semester Scholarship Application Slip
- 2) Degree Completion Scholarship [AY 2020 Fall Semester] Checklist
- 3) AY 2020 Undergraduate (Graduate) Scholarship Application Form (printout of form completed online)
- 4) Applicant Information Sheet (printout of sheet completed online)
- 5) Most recent Certificate of Annual Income (issued at municipal office)
- 6) Required documentation attesting to household circumstances and income
- 7) Copy of the two-page spread of the student’s bankbook showing the account holder’s name and details
- 8) Study Plan *Only for students who are repeating a year (students who previously received a “repetition required” evaluation due to poor academic results and remain at this year level); please explain your plan of study toward graduation or program completion.
(Include reason for repeating the year, points needing improvement, plan of study hereafter, future goals, etc.)
Forms are available for download from the page on the Keio University Student Website regarding Fall Semester scholarships for your campus
- 9) Clarification of circumstances (optional) *for students who want to explain the particular circumstances relating to their household finances (free format)

For privately-financed international students whose status of residence is “Student”

Note: applications cannot be accepted from students who have not completed the “AY 2020 Fall Semester Scholarship Applicant Registration.”

(Forms 1) and 4) below are available for download from the International Center website:
<http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/available.html>)

- 1) Scholarship Application Slip/Bank Transfer Account Information Form
- 2) Copy of the two-page spread of the student’s bankbook showing the account holder’s name and details
- 3) Statement of Purpose (within one A4 sheet; may be word processed)
Please describe in detail about your household’s financial situation and your personal income from part-time work, etc.
- 4) Study Plan *Only for students who are repeating a year (students who previously received a “repetition required” evaluation due to poor academic results and remain at this year level); please explain your plan of study toward graduation or program completion separately to your “Statement of Purpose.”
(Include reason for repeating the year, points needing improvement, plan of study hereafter, future goals, etc.)

6 How to apply

- Submit a complete set of application forms directly at the counter or by post (The method of submission depends on the campus to which you are affiliated.)

*Privately-financed international students should follow the instructions provided on the International Center website

<http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/scholarship/available.html>
and apply using the designated Google Form.

7 Application deadlines, announcement of successful applicants, and payment of scholarship

Application period: late November to early December, 2020 *different depending on the campus to which you are affiliated

Announcement of the informal result: December 21 (Mon.), 2020

Announcement of successful applicants and Scholarship payment: early January, 2021 (tentative)

8 Other matters

- Interviews will not be conducted.
- [Undergraduates only] It is possible to also apply for the “Year 2000 Commemorative Education Fund Emergency Scholarship (Fall Semester),” which will be recruiting students during the same period. If you are applying due to sudden changes in the financial circumstances of your household, it is strongly recommended that you apply for both scholarships simultaneously.