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Are you digging your heels into the new term? Trying to catch up on your assignments? Strangely enough, this might be the best time to research financial aid for your study abroad program.

Read on.

Planning ahead

Yay, it's FAFSA time! While you're at it, why not look for other aid for study abroad? By popular demand, here's a repeat listing of links on study abroad financial aid.

Some aid may be first come, first served, so now's the time to apply!

Scholarships

Scholarships that can be used for study abroad may be awarded on the basis of personal attributes (ethnic or religious background, parents' field of employment, children of veterans, descendents of immigrants from specific countries), or on academic focus, major, or career path. The challenge for you is to locate appropriate, relevant funding. You may find further scholarship and financial aid information at your school's study abroad office. Here is a starting list to help you.

Bridging Scholarships for Study in Japan

From the Association of Teachers of Japanese. Assistance up to \$4,000 to qualified students for study at an eligible program in Japan.

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia

From the Institute of International Education (IEE). Funds for study abroad in East and Southeast Asia (\$3,000-\$7,000), depending on program length.

Gilman International Scholarship Program

From the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (U.S. Dept. of State), administered by the IEE. Awards for study abroad, for U.S. citizens or U.S. national students who receive federal need-based aid under Title IV-Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study, Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, up to \$5,000, depending on length of program.

Millennium Scholars Program

From the Millennium Society, for students aged 17- 25 who are in an accredited, undergraduate degree-granting college/university that offers a cross-cultural environment and who have verifiable need for financial assistance.

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

Funded by the Rotary Club Foundation, awarded for study in another country where Rotary Clubs are located. These awards are available-Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship, and Multi-Year Scholarship.

For a Financial Resources PDF of more information and good financial aid source websites, see

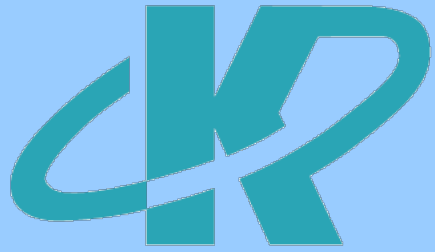
www.kcpinternational.com/finances/financial_resources.html.

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Learn Japanese through proverbs



悪因悪果

romaji--akuin akka

literally--you reap what you sow

background--a Buddhist sentiment of karmic retribution

Kana practice sheets at www.kcpinternational.com/program/intensive_program.html
(scroll down).

The way we are, in high school

For a deeply intriguing look at the world you just left behind, check out this website. It's a sizeable collection of photo essays (5 images apiece, with captions) by high school students in Japan.

[The Way We Are](#)



It's a valuable place to mine the psyche of the Japanese high-school student. Be sure to read between the lines, and guess what? There are at least as many similarities to the American high school experience as there are differences.

KCP on [student life](#)

What's most valuable? KCP students weigh in

We regularly ask students, "What has been the most valuable aspect of this program?"

"Two things--the use of the **direct method** (communicating entirely in Japanese) and the instructors **explaining cultural concepts** to the class firsthand."

--Bridgett, fall 2010

"**All the time** spent in the language classes has felt very productive. I got a degree of application of learned material that simply did not exist where I had previously studied."

--Owen, fall 2010

"The **culture classes** were interesting and a nice break from the language class."

--Ashley, fall 2010

"**Living in a homestay.** I got to experience a lot more of the culture."

--Sandra, summer short-term 2010

"Being able to really practice the language and **see it all around me.**"

--Tavon, summer short-term 2010

"**Meeting** my family, the friends I made at school, the teachers, and everyone at KCP. They made my experience in Japan really great."

--Candice, summer short-term 2010

"The communication workshop and psychology of Japan lecture provided deep **insight into Japanese culture** and society."

--Janvee, spring 2009

"Learning how to interact with people from other cultures and **accept differences.** Learning how to communicate clearly to others despite language barriers."

--Tanya, spring 2010

"Pair work and drill practice **gets people involved.**"

--Jasrael, spring 2010

"Befriending the non-English-speaking students. Not only are they kind, wonderful people, but it's a chance to **practice Japanese during fun,** as well."

--Brie Anne, winter 2010

"Being able to hold extended conversations with my Japanese friends and **feeling very natural** at it."

--William, winter 2010

Upcoming program deadlines



Winter marches on. Plan your journey well, and stay warm!

For the **2011 Summer Short-term** program--our most popular program--you have until **February 23** to apply. The short-term session, a good fit with U.S. school calendars, runs June 23-August 13.

For the **2011 Summer program**, you have until **March 7** to apply. The session itself runs July 5 to September 15, 2011

Sign up for a summer whirlwind of Japanese in Tokyo.

Keep on keepin' on.
The KCP International team

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