

The 78th Japan-America Student Conference

Application at a Glance

Thank you for your interest in applying to the 78th Japan-America Student Conference!

This guide gives a clear overview of the JASC application process. Here, you'll find everything you need to know at a glance so you can focus on sharing your story with us!

Applications are due **Sunday, December 28th at 11:59 PM EST**

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled in university (undergraduate or graduate) with good academic standing
- Proficient in English (Japanese not required)
- Able to represent the United States in some way - whether as an American citizen or as an international student currently studying in the U.S.



Application

General Information (name, university, etc.)

Documents

- Required: Unofficial Transcript, Verification of Enrollment, Resume/CV
- Optional: Letter of Recommendation, Supplemental Materials (e.g. portfolio, etc.)

Rank RTs based on preferences (and note any you're not interested in)

Essay Questions (3 Questions Total)

1. Vision for JASC78: What are your goals for the conference? (350 words max)
2. Introduce yourself: Share your personality, hobbies, or interests outside your résumé. (500 words max)
3. Personal Selection (answer **only one** of the prompts below, 500 words max)
 - Please tell us about a time when you had an interpersonal conflict, and how you resolved it.
 - What are you passionate about and how have you dedicated time to pursuing that?
 - What inspires you (ideas, people, places, experiences, etc.)? How does that connect to your future plans/ambitions?
 - Tell us about a time your worldview or perspective was challenged. How did you learn/grow from that experience?



FAQ

I don't have a background in Japanese or U.S.-Japan relations. Can I still apply?

- Absolutely! JASC focuses on a wide variety of cultural and global issues. We welcome applicants from all academic backgrounds, regardless of Japanese expertise.

Can I apply for JASC if I am a graduating senior?

- Yes! As long as you are enrolled as a university student at the time of application, you are eligible.

Do I need to be able to speak Japanese?

- Nope, the conference is fully in English, so Japanese proficiency is not required!

Can international students apply?

- Yes! As long as you are enrolled in a U.S. university and feel comfortable providing an "American" perspective during conference programming, you are eligible regardless of citizenship.

What kind of student are you looking for?

- There is no single "ideal" applicant. JASC looks for students who are curious, collaborative, and eager to engage in cross-cultural dialogue!



Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at jasc@iscdc.org or greiling@iscdc.org. Thank you for your interest in JASC, and we hope to read your application this upcoming January!

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