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Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program (July 31 – August 9, 2023*)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Must be **RECEIVED** by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023**

Please mail, fax, or submit your documents online:

ATTN Christianne Ono

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Online Submissions: <https://forms.gle/hPxe7du19ze75rp1A>

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is proud to release the applications for the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) Program under the guidance of Hiromi Peterson and Naomi Hirano-Omizo program founders and retired Japanese language faculty of Punahou School. The scholarship is funded by the sales of their Japanese language textbook, “Adventures in Japanese.”

Launched in 2009, HPS provides high school students in Hawaii an opportunity to study peace-related resources in their community and to participate in an educational trip to Hiroshima, Japan, where they will explore the history and effects of World War II, engage in collaborative activities with students in Hiroshima, and share their peace messages in Hiroshima and Hawaii. This scholarship program includes a 10-day trip to Hiroshima where students will visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, participate in events commemorating the August 6, 1945 bombing of Hiroshima, present their research projects at a Peace Forum for high school students, and experience homestays with host families and exchanges with Japanese students. Scholars will be received in Hiroshima by the Hawaii Heiwa Scholarship Committee, who are coordinating an inaugural program for Hiroshima students to be received in Hawaii in Spring 2024.

The program also includes mandatory pre- and post-trip commitments including pre-trip orientation, post-trip debriefing meeting, and at least four (4) half-day workshops during which they will prepare for their Peace Forum presentations, engage with the local community in the Sadako Peace Projects at Pearl Harbor National Memorial (<https://jashawaii.org/sadako-projects>), learn about Japanese culture, and undergo media training to prepare them as representatives of Hawaii. Upon returning from Hiroshima, scholars are required to present on their HPS experience at their schools to share what they learned about the war and the connections they built in Hiroshima.

There are also mandatory events for scholars at the beginning of 2024. The selected scholars for 2023 are expected to participate in the orientation meeting for the incoming 2024 scholars. It is also mandatory for the scholars to join the events for the 2024 Hawaii Heiwa Scholars from Hiroshima, which includes various educational field trips around Oahu and participation in a Peace Forum co-hosted by the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. See page 2 for tentative dates.

For the 2023 program, JASH will select two (2) high school students to be awarded the scholarship: one (1) private school student, and one (1) public school student on Oahu. Students with or without Japanese language background may apply; Japanese language is NOT a requirement for this scholarship.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

ALL Application Materials Due to JASH

Friday, January 6, 2023

Interviews

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Mandatory Workshops

Saturday, March 18, 2023 (Orientation)

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023 (Debriefing)

Additional workshops may be scheduled to assist scholars with their trip preparations.

Travel Dates: Monday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 9, 2023 (*exact travel dates may shift)

Tentative 2024 Dates

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (HPS Orientation)

Tuesday, March 27, 2024 (Kuhio Day; HHS Pearl Harbor Field Trip)

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday; HPS & HHS Joint Activity)

Saturday, March 30, 2024 (Peace Forum)

Details are subject to change.

All interviews and workshops are currently planned to be held in-person at the JASH Office or at field trip sites. More information will be provided later in the application process.

In addition to the mandatory dates listed above, there may also be additional opportunities to participate in other peace-related community events that scholars are highly encouraged to attend.

Please note that program details, including the program schedule, may change in accordance with the U.S. and Japan's health and safety policies.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All items below must be **received** by the JASH Office by no later than **Friday, January 6, 2023**. For mailed submissions, please plan accordingly so your materials are received by the deadline.

- 1) Please read through the following checklist and information below. Please complete, sign, and submit pages 4-14 of this packet with your application. **In addition to the applicant's signature, one parent/guardian must also sign the application form.**
- 2) Please give TWO teachers who are your current teacher(s) or with whom you have had high school classes in the past two years the attached recommendation forms to complete (pgs. 10-13). Once the form has been completed, your teacher has been instructed to submit it directly to the JASH Office (mail, fax, or online submission).
- 3) Please give your school principal the attached permission form (pg. 14) to complete and return to you to submit with your completed application.
- 4) Please include a passport-sized photo of yourself (max size 3"x 3") with your application (pg. 7).
- 5) Please answer the application questions and project proposal as instructed on page 8 of this packet, including a signed consent form for your project proposal on page 9. If selected, this proposal may be developed into a larger project that you will share with an audience of students in Hiroshima.
- 6) Please complete and submit all the documents together (with the exception of the teacher recommendation forms). Applicants and teachers can mail, fax, or submit your documents online (Google sign-in required):

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For questions about the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program, please visit our website at jashawaii.org/hps or contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono (cono@jashawaii.org, 808-524-4450).

PARTICIPATION CHECKLIST

In order to be eligible to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program, you must meet the following criteria. Please check off each point to indicate your understanding and agreement:

- To be a current high school junior on Oahu at the time of application;
- To be of healthy body and mind, and agree to submit a form from your physician indicating your good health and ability to travel upon selection as a scholar;
- To show evidence of stability, maturity, and potential as youth ambassadors from Hawaii;
- To be able to take any and all medications by yourself if you have any regulated health issues;
- To have a curiosity and an interest in the Japanese way of life/culture and be willing to actively experience it (note that Japanese language background is not necessary to apply);
- To demonstrate a commitment to promoting world peace;
- To have a passport, visa, or other documentation required for travel between the U.S. and Japan, or be able to acquire such documents in a timely manner upon acceptance to the program;
- To adhere to the **RULES** as listed below:
 - Parents/Relatives cannot accompany their child to/from Hiroshima;
 - Do not leave your delegation during the travel to and from Hiroshima and while in Hiroshima;
 - Adhere to JASH and the chaperone's rules and schedule during the entire trip;
 - Do not engage in activities whose purpose differs from that of this program, such as commercial transactions (e.g. activities for monetary gain), illegal activities, etc.;
 - Must complete "Parental Consent/Media Release Waiver of Liability" form if selected.
- If selected as a HPS scholar, a full commitment must be made to **attend pre-program and post-program meetings required by JASH**, which include orientation, training sessions, other peace-related events including the virtual Sadako Peace Projects, debriefing meeting, and post-trip school presentations. A full commitment must also be made to prepare for various presentations and activities in Hiroshima and Hawaii. Additional commitments in 2024 include attending the orientation for the newly selected scholars and participation in certain Hawaii Heiwa Scholarship events. *JASH reserves the right to dismiss any participants from the program at its discretion.*
- Due to the high volume of applications received, JASH will select which applicants are invited to interview for the program. Notification of this selection will be sent to you by Monday, January 30 via email. The mandatory interview date will be Saturday, February 11, 2023. Our 2023 scholar finalists will be contacted by Friday, February 24, 2023.**

PARTICIPATION CHECKLIST

Program Costs

- The following expenses will be covered by the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship/JASH:
 - Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Japan and the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport;
 - Accommodations in Japan or abroad as designated by JASH;
 - Transportation fees within Japan as designated by JASH or the chaperones;
 - Meals during the entire stay in Hiroshima;
 - “Omiyage” souvenirs for staff and officials for school visits and other field trips;
 - JASH polo shirt and lanyard (one set of the program uniform);
 - Museum and other admission fees while in Japan.

- The following expenses will NOT be covered by HPS/JASH (must be covered by participant):
 - Expenses incurred obtaining a passport and/or visa and other documentation for travel between Japan and Hawaii;
 - Transportation fees between the participant’s home and meetings/events/Daniel K. Inouye International Airport;
 - Additional polo shirt (to wear as your second program uniform in Japan);
 - Daily allowances and any other personal expenses (e.g. shopping, gifts);
 - Omiyage gifts for host families and other new personal acquaintances.

- The following is the scope of the insurance for injury and illness:
 - JASH will purchase a travel insurance policy for each participant;
 - The insurance will cover the participants for all injuries and illnesses incurred during the trip;
 - The coverage will begin when the participants leave Daniel K. Inouye International Airport and runs continuously until they arrive back at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport;
 - Dental treatment and pre-existing conditions, such as asthma, are **NOT** covered by this insurance policy. Thus, these expenses will need to be covered by the participant, not by JASH. **NOTE:** If you suffer from any type of recurring illness, such as asthma, it is a good idea to bring your own medical insurance card to Japan.



PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SIGNED PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

By signing below, I state that I have read and understood all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist to serve as a Hiroshima Peace Scholar representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii in Hiroshima, Japan in 2023.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

By signing below, I state that I have read and understood that my child is applying to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program and that he/she meets all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist. I also understand and agree to take financial responsibility for the program expenses as outlined above.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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APPLICATION SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

Answer the following prompts, including a proposal on a topic you would share with an audience of high school students in Hiroshima. Answers may be typed (preferred) or neatly handwritten in pen. Please attach additional pieces of paper as necessary.

1. In fewer than 300 words, explain why achieving world peace is important to you.
2. In fewer than 500 words, introduce a family member (preferred) or close family friend whose wartime experiences you would be able to share with students in Hiroshima. This person should be someone you can interview in full upon acceptance to this program. Here, you should explain what war this person experienced and where they were living at the time.

You should also identify at least FIVE thoughtful, open-ended questions (i.e., NO yes/no questions/answers) that you would like to ask this person to learn more about their story and discuss why you selected those questions and how they will deepen your understanding of their experiences. Questions included in this section should elicit longer answers, above and beyond generic questions such as, “When and where were you born?” or, “Where/How old were you when the war began?”

You do not need to complete the full interview for this application; more specific instructions for the final recorded interview will be provided to the selected scholars.

You must receive permission from your interviewee to be recorded and photographed, have them complete and sign the consent form on page 9, and submit the form with your application.

3. In fewer than 100 words, describe how you would share an aspect of Hawaiian culture (hula, ukulele, chanting, etc.) in Japan.



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Interview Participation Consent / Media Release

(Applicant's name) _____ is applying to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) program provided by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH). This scholarship program provides high school students in Hawaii an opportunity to study peace-related resources in their community and to participate in an educational trip to Hiroshima, Japan, where they will explore the history and effects of World War II, engage in peace-related activities with students in Hiroshima, and share their peace messages in Hiroshima and Hawaii.

As part of their application, applicants must submit a proposal identifying a family member (preferred) or family friend whose wartime experiences they want to learn about and share with high school students in Hiroshima as part of a larger discussion on the impacts of war and the importance of peace. In their proposal, applicants must discuss why your story is of interest to them and identify at least five thoughtful questions they would like to ask you about your experiences. The full interview does not need to be completed at the application stage.

Upon acceptance to the HPS Program, scholars may develop their proposal into their project to share in Hiroshima. With guidance from JASH Staff, the scholar will finalize their questions and sit down with you to learn more about your experiences in a casual interview format. To their best ability, the scholar will audio and video record the interview to assist them in writing their project. The scholar may also ask you to share photos of yourself, preferably taken around the time of the war. These photos may be shown in the scholar's presentation of your story to school students in Japan and Hawaii over the course of this program. Photos or recordings of the scholar's presentation, in which your imagery may also be depicted, may be shared in JASH newsletters and other publications promoting the HPS Program.

In signing below, you understand the scope of the interview proposal and final project as summarized above and agree to the interview upon the applicant's acceptance to the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) Program. You also give the student, the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH), and its supporting organizations permission to publish in print, electronic, or video format your story as well as your likeness or image, and to use such imagery in any manner consistent with the promotion of the HPS Program. You release all claims against JASH and its supporting organizations with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to the use of materials.

Please contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono at cono@jashawaii.org or 808-524-4450 with any questions or concerns. To learn more about JASH, visit <https://www.jashawaii.org/>.

Name (Print): _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Email/Ph#: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for supporting our students!



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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #1

(Your current or former high school teacher)

Your student, _____ is applying to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) Program provided by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. This scholarship program provides high school students in Hawaii an opportunity to study peace-related resources in their community and to participate in an educational trip to Hiroshima, Japan for the August 6th anniversary of the bombing, where they will explore the history and effects of World War II, engage in collaborative activities with students in Hiroshima, present a research project during a Peace Forum for high school students, and share their peace messages in Hiroshima and Hawaii. Upon their return from Hiroshima, scholars are required to present on their experiences at their schools. As part of this application, your student has also requested from their principal permission to participate in this program and administrative support for their post-travel presentation.

Your evaluation is confidential and will NOT be viewed by the applicant.

Please evaluate this student in the following areas. All items refer to your student’s abilities in general; students are NOT required to have a background in Japanese. Please be very candid with your responses.

	Exceptional	Very good	Above average	Average	Below average
Academic Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Presentation Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility and Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to Overcome Cultural Challenges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer the following questions about your student (you may print your answers below or type on a separate page):

1. How has this student demonstrated a commitment to international affairs?

2. Please give examples of how this student has either been a leader or a good team player in your classroom.



3. How has this student demonstrated the maturity and independence necessary to take part in a study abroad program?

4. Please add any additional comment(s) regarding this student that illustrate their ability to serve as a Hiroshima Peace Scholar.

If selected as a finalist, someone from the JASH office may contact you to discuss this student. Please provide the best phone number to reach you as well as an email address.

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Teacher's Name (Print)

Teacher's Signature

Date

School

Grade & Subject Taught

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Teacher's Name (Print)

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SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

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In signing this permission form, you grant the applicant your administrative permission to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program and to be away from school during the trip period. In signing, you also grant the applicant administrative permission to miss classes or other school-related activities that may take place during the trip period. We ask for the cooperation of the applicant's teachers to work with the student so they understand any and all school requirements they must fulfill due to their absence.

As part of our Hiroshima Peace Scholars' peace activities, we request the support of their school to provide the scholar an opportunity to present about their experiences at their school upon return from their trip in Fall 2023. This would ideally take place as part of a school-wide or grade-wide assembly, or during homeroom period where the student is able to present their experience to multiple classes. In signing below, you also designate administrative support to provide your applicant the opportunity to present about their trip experience at their school upon return from their trip. Please provide the name of a faculty member who will be responsible for assisting in coordinating the scholar's post-trip presentation.

School Name: _____

Faculty Coordinator's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Coordinator's Title/Relationship to Student: _____ Ph#: _____

Administrator's Title: _____ Email Address: _____

Administrator's Name (Print): _____ Ph#: _____

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the applicant to submit with their application. Applications must be received by the JASH office by **January 6, 2023**.

Domo arigato gozaimasu and thank you for your support. If you have any questions about the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship program, please contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono at cono@jashawaii.org or call the JASH Office at (808) 524-4450.