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# Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program (July 30 – August 9, 2024)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**Must be RECEIVED by 4:00PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**

Please mail, fax, or submit your documents online:

ATTN Christianne Ono

Japan-America Society of Hawaii

1600 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 204 Honolulu, HI 96814

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Online Submissions: <https://bit.ly/hps-apps24>

More Information: <https://www.jashawaii.org/hps>

**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.

For the 2024 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.

The program also includes mandatory pre- and post-trip commitments including pre-trip orientation, post-trip debriefing meeting, and monthly 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. It is also mandatory for the scholars to join the events for the Hawaii Heiwa Scholars from Hiroshima, as their school schedule allows, which includes various educational field trips around Oahu and participation in a Peace Forum co-hosted by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii and the Conflict & Peace Specialist at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. The scholars from Hiroshima will be in Honolulu late March 2024. See page 2 of this packet for the program schedule.

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. We also ask scholars to return to participate in certain events in 2025, including meeting the next Hiroshima Peace and Hawaii Heiwa scholars.



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### ALL Application Materials Due to JASH

Friday, January 26, 2024

### Interviews

Saturday, February 17, 2024

*Interview times will be randomly assigned*

### Schedule

Sat., Mar. 9, 2024	Tent. 12:30PM~4:30PM	HPS Workshop 1 - Orientation at JASH Office. Parent/Guardian(s) also attend.
Tues., Mar. 26 (Kuhio Day)	Tent. 7:30AM~3:00PM	Join Hawaii Heiwa Scholarship at Pearl Harbor [HPS Workshop 2]
Fri., Mar. 29 (Good Friday)	Tent. 7:30AM~3:00PM	Join HHS Activities (TBA)
Sat., Mar. 30	Tent. 9:30AM~3:00PM	Join HHS Peace Forum
Sun., Mar. 31 (Easter)	Tent. 4:00PM~6:00PM	Join HHS Sayonara Potluck
Sat., April 27	Tent. 12:30PM~4:30PM	HPS Workshop 3 at JASH Office
Sat. in May (TBA)	Tent. 6:30AM~Noon	Charity Walk for JASH's Educational Programs
Sat., June 15	Tent. 12:30PM~4:30PM	HPS Workshop 4 at JASH Office
Sat., July 6	Tent. 12:30PM~4:30PM	HPS Workshop 5 at JASH Office
Sat., July 20	Tent. 12:30PM~4:30PM	HPS Workshop 6 at JASH Office Parent/Guardian(s) also attend the last 1.5 hours.
Sat., August 17	Tent. 1:00PM~3:00PM	Debriefing Meeting at JASH Office

*Attendance/participation in the events listed above is MANDATORY.*

*Failure to attend may result in dismissal from the program.*

*Exact workshop times are tentative and may slightly adjust to accommodate the final lesson plan.*

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

### Travel Dates

Tuesday, July 30 - Friday, August 9, 2024 (\*exact travel dates may shift)

### Tentative 2025 Dates

Attend HPS program orientation in early March 2025 (date TBA)

Join HHS program in late March 2025 (dates TBA)

All interviews and workshops are currently planned to be held in-person at the JASH Office or at field trip sites as designated above. More information will be provided later in the selection 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 26, 2024**. For mailed submissions, please plan accordingly so your materials are received by the deadline.

- 1) Please complete, sign, and submit pages 4-10 of this application packet. **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. 11-16). Fillable copies of the form can also be found on our JASH website ([jashawaii.org/hps](http://jashawaii.org/hps)). Teachers are also able to complete the form online (<https://bit.ly/hps-apps24>). 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) Identify a teacher or faculty member who is willing to support your post-travel program commitments. Please give your faculty member and school principal the attached permission form (pg. 10) to complete and return to you to submit with your completed application.
- 4) Please include a photo of yourself (max size 3"x 3") with your application (pg. 4).
- 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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NOTE: You may not be able to access this form using a student DOE account. If you are unable to access the form, please try a different account. If the error persists, please email [cono@jashawaii.org](mailto:cono@jashawaii.org).

For questions about the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship Program, please visit our website at [jashawaii.org/hps](http://jashawaii.org/hps) or contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono ([cono@jashawaii.org](mailto: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. **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 expiring no earlier than October 2024, or be able to acquire the necessary documents such that you can provide a copy to the JASH Office by our program orientation on March 9, 2024. Failure to meet this deadline may result in dismissal from this 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 Sadako Peace Projects, debriefing meeting, and post-trip school presentations as outlined on page 2 of this packet. A full commitment must also be made to prepare for various presentations and activities in Hiroshima and Hawaii. Additional commitments in 2025 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 via email by Monday, February 5 via email. The mandatory interview date will be Saturday, February 17, 2024. Our 2024 scholar finalists will be contacted by Friday, February 23, 2024.**



## 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 (i.e., one set of the program uniform);
  - Museum and other admission fees while in Japan;
  - Museum and other admission fees while in Hawaii;
  - Meals for mandatory HHS events in Hawaii.
  
- 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;
  - Other expenses incurred participating in additional events in Hawaii/Japan not outlined above.
  
- 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 2024. I understand that this program involves not only travel to Hiroshima, but pre- and post-trip responsibilities as outlined in the schedule and checklist above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 300~500 words, explain why being a Peacebuilder in Hawaii/Hiroshima is important to you, your current interests, and your goals for the future.
2. In Hiroshima, you will present a research project at a student Peace Forum. For this research project, you will be asked to interview a family member (preferred) or close family friend who has experienced a period of war. In this question, we ask you to identify your interviewee and outline your future interview. You do not need to complete the full interview for this application.
  - a. Obtain your interviewee's permission using the consent form included in this packet.
  - b. In 100~200 words, introduce your interviewee. You should introduce:
    - i. Their name, age, and relationship to you
    - ii. Where they were born
    - iii. What war they experienced
    - iv. Where they were living during that time
  - c. Create FIVE thoughtful, open-ended questions (NO yes/no questions) that you would like to ask this person to learn more about their story. 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?"
  - d. In 100~200 words, discuss WHY you selected your questions in part (c) and HOW they will deepen your understanding of your interviewee's experiences. (Word count is for your total explanation, not per question.)
3. During this program, you will meet with Japanese students. You will share about what life is like in Hawaii, and learn about life in Japan. In less than 250 words, address the following:
  - a. How would you describe life in Hawaii to the Japanese students?
  - b. Describe at least two positive aspects of life in Hawaii and at least one negative or concern you have about life in Hawaii. Briefly explain why you selected these positives and negative(s).





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### Interview Participation Consent / Media Release

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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.

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Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for supporting our students!***



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### SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

Your student, \_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the Hiroshima Peace Scholarship (HPS) Program provided by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii. Launched in 2009 at Punahou School by Japanese language faculty Hiromi Peterson and Naomi Hirano-Omizo, HPS provides high school students in Hawaii (Oahu) 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 in a Peace Forum for high school students, and experience homestays with host families and exchanges with Japanese students. The students will be received by the Hawaii Heiwa Scholarship Committee, who are working on a program that will bring high school students from Hiroshima to Hawaii in Spring 2024. As this trip importantly takes place during the week of the anniversary of the bombing, HPS scholars will be traveling from July 30 to August 9, 2024 (exact dates may shift based on flight availability).

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 2024. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Coordinator’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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 26, 2024**.

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](mailto:cono@jashawaii.org) or call the JASH Office at (808) 524-4450.



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### TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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

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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.

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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):

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

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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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name (Print)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
School Grade & Subject you taught this student

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