



## U.S. Embassy Tokyo – Ambassador’s Youth Council Term Five – 2024

The U.S. Embassy invites ten highly motivated Japanese undergraduate students with demonstrated leadership skills and interest in the United States and U.S.-Japan relations to participate in a six-month-long seminar.

**Program Period:** Once a month seminar, Feb. 2024 - July. 2024 (Times and dates are TBC)

1. Kick off session, Tuesday, February 27, 9:00-10:30
2. Session #2, Tuesday, March 12, 8:30-10:30
3. Session #3, Tuesday, April 16, 8:30-10:30
4. Session #4, Tuesday, May 14, 8:30-10:30
5. Session #5, Tuesday, June 18, 8:30-10:30
6. Closing session, Tuesday, July 23, 18:00-20:00

**Venue:** Mainly in-person at U.S. Embassy Tokyo in Akasaka or WeWork in Yotsuya/Kamiyacho  
Zoom attendance may be granted upon request.

### **Program Goals:**

- Cultivate a greater understanding of the United States and the U.S.-Japan alliance;
- Provide a venue for youth leaders to ask questions and express their views on a wide range of topics including U.S. foreign policy and other topics of mutual interest, such as pressing social issues, the role of technology, and the implications of human resources on growing economies;
- Foster skills characteristic of leaders, skills used in giving presentations, communicating in English, and articulating one’s thoughts in a public forum;
- Build connections between the Embassy and youth in order for the Embassy to gain insight into the views and needs of Japan’s young generation;
- Help youth leaders grow their networks so that they, as advocates, can reinforce attitudes and change behaviors of their peers in favor of strengthening the U.S.-Japan alliance.

### **Attendance policy:**

All members are expected to participate in all the sessions. If the student cannot make it to a session, s/he must notify the Embassy at least two weeks prior to the session s/he will miss.

### **Candidate Description and Qualifications:**

- Japanese citizen or legal permanent resident;
- Rising sophomores, juniors or seniors in universities, who are 25 years of age or younger (as of January 1, 2024) with an interest in international relations and/or U.S. foreign policy;
- Attending university in Tokyo, Chiba, Fukushima, Gunma, Ibaraki, Kanagawa, Nagano, Niigata, Saitama, Shizuoka, Tochigi, Yamagata, and Yamanashi;
- English fluency to discuss global issues;

- Sustained high level of academic achievement. Fields of study can vary, and may include the humanities, sciences, journalism, communications, education, and business;
- Strong leadership qualities and extracurricular participation in university and community;
- Willing and able to participate fully in an intensive academic program including homework reading assignments, essay assignments, mid-term output projects, a final presentation project and other extra activities offered by the Embassy.

### Application and deadline:

Interested students are requested to submit the online application form via the URL below **by Sunday, December 31, 23:59**, JST. The Embassy will review applications and contact finalists for interview by early February.

[Submit your application from the link below]

<https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/9385bde5208167> (Accessible from PC only)

[Upload the following documents]

1) Statement of Interest

→ Template:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zeguPMTvDLubO\\_AaVs5T6x7tNXh\\_ykTD5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111410087120191569670&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zeguPMTvDLubO_AaVs5T6x7tNXh_ykTD5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111410087120191569670&rtpof=true&sd=true)

2) A copy of university transcript in English

→ (Screenshot or other unofficial format is acceptable).

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