

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How many students do you select per country?***

Ashinaga takes great care to select and develop our students. We believe in quality over quantity and invest a significant amount of resources in those who are accepted into our program. As a result of this, to ensure sustainability, we are only able to take about one student per country per year. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to select a student from each country every year.

### ***Why is the age limit 23?***

There are two reasons for this. The first is that Ashinaga wants to prioritize young people for this leadership program, and the second is that students aged 23 or older typically have greater difficulty in obtaining a student visa to study abroad.

### ***Why is the scholarship only for orphans?***

Ashinaga is first and foremost an organization that supports the education of orphaned young people.

### ***Can exceptions be made to the eligibility criteria?***

You must match all of the eligibility criteria to apply for this program.

### ***Why only undergraduate level?***

As there are many other organizations, universities, and foundations offering funding for masters degrees, we have decided to prioritize students applying for undergraduate university studies.

### ***How will my university/country of study be decided?***

This will be decided during the Ashinaga Study Camp for students selected for this program. It will be decided together with the student, but the final decision ultimately lies with Ashinaga. It will depend on numerous criteria, including visa requirements, language requirements, academic grades, and the availability of the student's desired course of study.

### ***If I applied last year, can I apply again?***

As long as you still satisfy the requirements, you are welcome to apply again.

### ***I do not have one of the required documents. What should I do?***

All of the required documents listed are necessary to apply, particularly proof of age and proof of the death of a parent. If you do not have a death certificate, then any other official document can be considered, including a court record, affidavit, or an official letter from a local government official.

### ***I am from a French-speaking country but want to study in English. Can I still apply?***

Yes, you may still apply. Some students from Francophone countries with sufficient quality English can study in English.

### ***What is the registration form for?***

The registration form allows us to register applicants in our system, and we will use the information provided to determine if 1) the applicant fulfills all the eligibility requirements and 2) has a strong enough academic record to be considered for the program. Only applicants who are eligible when assessed according to these criteria will be invited to complete the application.

### ***What is required for the application and what does it assess?***

Applicants are scored on their academic performance, with readers looking to identify any patterns in a student's performance. Applicants are also assessed on the challenges they have faced and overcome, their future plans and their leadership potential. You will submit 2 essays and respond to long and short answer questions.

### ***What is assessed during the Ashinaga Assessment Day?***

Applicants are assessed on their knowledge and aptitude, challenges faced and future planning and initiative. You will be assessed through an examination and interviews.