

Toyama Foundation Scholarship Application Guidelines for 2024

Kazuyuki Toyama was a Former Music Director from 1990 until 2009 and one of the founders of this festival. This foundation was established with his strong will for supporting young musicians who are participating in Kusatsu academy masterclasses. Toyama Scholarship Foundation is run by Gunma Kusatsu Music Society Foundation.

About the Scholarship

1) Reward

The recipient of the scholarship will be exempt from having to pay their tuition for full-term masterclass lessons and receive 200,000 yen or 100,000 yen per person.

2) Period for the scholarship

Saturday, August 17th to Friday, August 30th, 2024

*The scholarship recipients are required to stay in Kusatsu Town during the above period.

3) Eligibility

- (1) Those who attend Kusatsu academy masterclass for its entire duration
- (2) No age limit.
- (3) Those who study hard, improve oneself and having high morals.
- (4) Those who understand the purpose of this scholarship and aspire to be a professional musician.
- (5) Those who need financial aid.
- (6) Those who are not previous grantee of any scholarships of Gunma Kusatsu Music Society Foundation

4) Conditions of revoke

- (1) When the application of the masterclass has been cancelled.
- (2) When the student is no longer participating for the masterclass for full-term including masterclass and concerts
- (3) When the student cancelled their participation due to their health conditions.
- (4) When the student is no longer necessary for the scholarship.
- (5) When the student is no longer qualified as a scholarship recipient for any reasons.
- (6) When the student lost the eligibility as a scholarship recipient.

*The Scholarship and exemption of the masterclass fee will be revoked if the committee finds the following; the scholarship recipient is not participating masterclass, committed crime or other sorts of misbehavior as student.

Application Procedure

1) How to apply

Apply online. URL : <https://kusa2.jp/en/academy-2/scholarships/>

*Please fill out by the applicant his/herself

2) Submission

Please fill out the following 1 and 2 into the online form and upload 3, 4 and 5 (if applicable).

*Please fill out the form after you have prepared everything first.

1. A video of latest performance

*The video should be approximately 10 minutes of a repertoire of the applicant and taken within 6 months.

*Upload as an unlisted video on YouTube and fill the URL in the specified column in the application form.

*Inaccessible URL is not eligible for screening.

2. A letter of the reason for the application (approx. 400 words)

*Please fill out “why you would like to attend the academy receiving the scholarship” the prescribed column in the application form.

3. Photo in JPEG file

*Please trim into square if you can. *Taken within 6 months.

*A photo of the entire upper body square to the camera.

*File name must be included applicant's name. (e.g. Photo_First name Last name)

4. A recommendation letter from the applicant's current/former teachers

*Please use the specified form and be signed by the recommender in his/her own handwriting.

*File name must be included applicant's name (e.g. Recommendation Letter_First name Last name) and please upload the letter as a PDF file.

5. Certificate of other scholarships/grants (if applicable)

*Please upload a copy of the certificate of other scholarships/grants as a PDF file those who will receive any other scholarships or grants during April, 2024 to March, 2025

*File name must be included applicant's name. (e.g. Scholarship certificate_First name Last name)

*Incomplete application is not accepted.

*The Gunma Kusatsu Music Society Foundation will not use the application information for any other purpose other than its business.

*Application documents and data will not be returned.

3) Application period

12 p.m. (JST), Thursday, May 9th, 2024 to 4 p.m. (JST), Thursday, May 16th, 2024.

Selection procedure and rewarding method

1) Selection

Nomination committee will screen application documents and the video. The music director of the festival and a professor in charge will make the final decision.

2) Notification of the result

The results are notified to the applicants by early June.

The selected candidates must submit the documents below by email.

(1) Confirmation Letter that academy will be issuing

(2) Candidates who are enrolled in a school, a university or a graduate school: a copy of school ID and a certificate of enrollment issued after April 1st, 2024

Candidates who are not a student: a copy of certificate of residence issued after April 1st, 2024.

3) Providing the scholarship

We will contact you supply method separately.

Number of recipients for this year: 2

Terms and conditions

This scholarship is not required to refund in the future. (Not a loan)

(1) Scholarship recipients must comply with the provisions of the application guidelines and report any conflicts with the eligibility immediately.

(2) Scholarship recipients who correspond any of the following must report to the academy office immediately.

1. When the recipients cannot participate the masterclass.

2. When important information such as the recipients' name or address is changed.

(3) Scholarship recipients are required to attend all events organized by the foundation during the festival.

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