

Toyama Foundation Scholarship Application Guidelines for 2026

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. *No-repayment scholarship

Number of recipients for this year: Maximum 2

2) Period for the scholarship

Monday, August 17th to Sunday, August 30th, 2026

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

3) Eligibility **【Applicable class: Vocal/ Piano/ Violin/ Oboe】**

- (1) Those who attend Kusatsu academy masterclass for its entire duration
- (2) Applicants who meet the following age requirements as of August 17, 2026:
 - Vocal: From age 18 up to 30
 - Instrumental: From age 13 up to 25
- (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.

5) Conditions of Refund

If any of the following grounds for repayment arise, you will be required to repay any scholarship funds already awarded.

However, this does not apply in cases where there are special circumstances.

- (1) When you fall under the criteria listed in “4) Conditions of revoke” and payments are suspended
- (2) When you exhibit poor conduct during the music festival
- (3) When there is no longer a need for the scholarship

Application Procedure

- 1) How to apply

Apply online. URL : <https://kusa2.jp/en/academy-2/scholarships-en46/>

*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 ,5 and 6 (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.

*Please make sure that the name of the audition video is your name and the name of the song or composer. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

*Inaccessible URL is not eligible for screening.

2. A letter of the reason for the application (approx. 400-500 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 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. Affidavit

*Please use the specified form and review the contents and sign it in your own handwriting.

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

6. 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, 2026 to March, 2027

*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 7th, 2026 to 4 p.m. (JST), Thursday, May 14th, 2026.

Selection procedure and rewarding method

1) Selection

Nomination committee will screen application documents and the video.

The selection committee will review and make a decision.

Notification of the result

After the application deadline, we will send you a review number (T-○○) via email.

By early June, we will post the selected candidates' application numbers and instrument names on our website.

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, 2026

Candidates who are not a student: a copy of certificate of residence issued after April 1st, 2026.

*Please note that the date and time for posting the selection results are subject to change.

In such cases, we will post a notice on our website.

2) Providing the scholarship

We will contact you supply method separately.

* We would like to inform the recipients.

Terms and conditions

- (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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