

MIRAI Program 2019 – Western Balkans Youth Exchange Qualifications for Participants

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Being a currently enrolled student in an undergraduate or graduate program and aged from 20 to 25 years old on arrival in Japan.
2. Understanding the aims of the program (Applicants are expected to proactively share and disseminate their experiences and positive characteristics of Japan through SNS or other media during and after the visit. Publication results should be shared with Japan's Foreign Missions. Applicants will also present their action plans during the visit based on what they learned in Japan and implement it within 3 months after the program.).
3. Neither having participated in exchange program(s) by the Japanese government nor having lived in Japan.
4. Living in one of the Western Balkans 6 contracting parties and holding a passport issued by one of the WB6 (Applicants who have Japanese nationality are NOT eligible).
5. Being able to travel alone and having good health conditions.
6. Having a good command of English.
7. Having a valid passport.
8. Respecting the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation in the Western Balkans.

In addition to the above criteria, it is desirable that applicants have interest in Japan or have been involved in study or activities related to Japan.

Applicants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Montenegro also need to apply for a visa to participate in the program.

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence