



## MIRAI Program 2020/2021 – 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 at a university, aged from 20 to 25 years on their arrival in Japan.
2. The applicant must understand the aims of the program and are expected to proactively share and disseminate their experiences and positive characteristics of their experience in Japan through various communication tools including social media and/or their publications during and after the online pre-exchange program, during their stay in Japan and after returning home. Publication results should be shared with Japan's Foreign Missions.
3. 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).
4. Those who have participated in MIRAI and/or similar programs funded by the Japanese government are not eligible to apply, as well as those who have an experience of residing in Japan for more than 6 months.
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 need to apply for a visa to participate in the program.

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\* 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.