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# THE 74TH JAPAN- AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

APPLICANT GUIDE

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

*A three-week academic, cultural interchange  
and professional networking program*

## DATES

August 3rd-August 26th, 2022

## LOCATIONS

San Francisco, New York City, Washington D.C.

## WHO

72 Japanese and American College Students

## PURPOSE

To promote peace by furthering mutual  
understanding, friendship, and trust through  
international student interchange

## HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application at  
<https://form.jotform.com/JASC74/APPLY>  
by December 17th, 2021 to be considered for  
the 74th Japan-America Student Conference



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## ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCES, INC.

### ABOUT JAPAN-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

Founded in 1934, the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) is the first and continuing exchange program between the two countries. Student-led and student-run, the 1934 Conference was initiated by university students concerned by the breakdown of bilateral relations prior to the Second World War. While the U.S.-Japan relationship has evolved dramatically since the Conference's founding 86 years ago, its mission has remained unchanged: to foster peace through people-to-people diplomacy and empower the next generation of U.S.-Asia leaders. Today, an equal number of students from the U.S. and Japan are competitively selected each year to spend up-to one summer month together, studying and analyzing Japan-U.S. relations while visiting four diverse regions in the host country. JASC alternates its host country every year, emphasizing the personal connections between two distinct cultures gathered together in one place.

Celebrating its 74th Conference in Summer 2022, JASC continues to empower the next generation of leaders from both countries and has an extensive network of alumni in all industries and across the world.

International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship, and trust through international student interchange.

Through its four flagship programs: the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC), the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC), the China-America Student Conference (ChASC), and the U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Forum; ISC aims to instill in the next generation of U.S.-Asia leaders a lifelong dedication to dialogue, diplomacy, and cooperation that is firmly rooted in genuine trust and mutual understanding. Accepted participants enter our programs as eager Delegates interested in U.S.-Asia relations and emerge as dedicated Ambassadors well-equipped with the professional and interpersonal skills needed to serve as a bridge between the two countries. We believe the intensity and accountability required of student-run Conferences empower young leaders to take joint action in addressing global problems, despite national and cultural differences. Moreover, the cross-cultural bonds created during the Conferences are genuine and lasting. As participants enter into leadership roles within their countries and their local communities, the lessons, experiences, and relationships imparted by our programs stand to not only further global cooperation but contribute to a more peaceful world.

### NOTABLE JASC ALUMNI



**1939, 1940**  
Kiichi Miyazawa  
Former Prime  
Minister of Japan



**1951**  
Henry A. Kissinger  
Former U.S.  
Secretary of State



**1978, 1979**  
Kumiko  
Makihara  
Author,  
Journalist



**2004**  
Sarah LaFleur  
Founder and  
CEO of M.M.  
LaFleur

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## American Orientation

The American Orientation will be held at the first site of the conference. Held one day before the official conference on **August 3rd**, this will give the American delegates a chance to meet each other before their Japanese counterparts arrive on the 4th.

## Main Conference

The following day, the Japanese delegation will arrive, and the main conference will begin. The conference will take place from **August 4th-August 26th, 2022**. Delegates will visit **New York City, Washington D.C., and San Francisco**.

At each of the three sites, delegates will experience local culture and nature while learning and participating in activities such as: roundtable discussions, cultural and social events, lectures, workshops and panel presentations. Delegates will have the opportunity to collaborate with leaders in business, academia, and government on contemporary social, economic, and political issues that face both of their countries and the world as a whole. At the conclusion of the conference, delegates will be encouraged to convey their final remarks and reflections of their JASC experience during the annual Final Forum.





# PROGRAM OVERVIEW (CONT)

Planning for additional activities is still in process. To give you a sense of what to expect, please refer to the example schedule below:

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	ATTIRE
7:30 - 9:00	Wake up/breakfast	Waikiki Vista	Casual
9:00 - 12:00	Tea Ceremony	Urasenke Tea House	Bring White Socks
12:00 - 15:00	Free Time/Lunch	Your Choice	Casual
15:00 - 17:00	Noh Demonstration	Waikiki Vista	Business Casual
17:00 - 19:00	Dinner	Your Choice	Casual
19:00 - 20:00	RT Time	Ask Your RT Leader	Casual
20:30 - 21:30	Zen Exercise	Waikiki Vista	Casual
21:30 - 24:00	Free Time/End of Day	Waikiki Vista	Casual

# JASC 74 ROUNDTABLES

The main academic component of the conference is the "Roundtable". Each Roundtable consists of up to four Japanese delegates and up to four American Delegates, and is led by two Executive Committee Roundtable Coordinators. Delegates are a part of a Roundtable the entire Conference that focuses on a specific topic within the context of U.S.-Japan relations.

## 2022 Roundtables:

**Business and Social Innovation:** Re-envisioning Organizations For Our Well-being

**Tech Advancements and Heritage:**

The Global Commons and Preservation in the 21st Century

**Taboo:**

Analyzing the Stigma Surrounding Alcohol, Drugs, Sex, and other Vices

**Micro and Macro Predictions of the Future:** Utilizing Data and Models

**Global Governance and National Sovereignty:**

Understanding IR Through the Lens of International Institutions and Domestic Politics

**Social Justice & Cultural Identity:** Peacebuilding in Our Modern World

**Education and Media:** How Media Communication Affects Social Learning

[WWW.ISCDC.ORG/JASC/2022/ROUNDTABLES](http://WWW.ISCDC.ORG/JASC/2022/ROUNDTABLES)



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Sovereignty



Social Justice  
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Education and  
Media



## ELIGIBILITY

College/university students (from undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. programs) from all academic majors and certificate/degree programs are encouraged to apply for the 74th Japan-America Student Conference.

Applicant eligibility requirements:

- Must be proficient in English (no Japanese proficiency required)
- Must be able to represent America in discussions (though you do not need to have a Japanese/American background)

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply by December 17 by filling out <https://form.jotform.com/JASC74/APPLY>
- Upload required documents (Unofficial Transcript & Resume)
- Upload a letter of recommendation (Optional)
- Submit the \$20 application fee via PayPal
- You will be notified by the Executive Committee via email if you have been selected for a video interview within two weeks, and a final decision will arrive within two weeks from then

If you have any questions while completing your application, please email [jasc74.jmarkley@gmail.com](mailto:jasc74.jmarkley@gmail.com) or call 217-220-6386.



# FAQs

## **Can I apply for JASC if I am a graduating senior?**

Yes! As long as you are enrolled as a university student at the time of application, you are eligible.

## **Can I apply if I am not a U.S. citizen/do not study in the United States?**

Yes, as long as you are able to travel to the locations for AO and the main conference and feel comfortable providing an "American" perspective during conference programming.

## **Does ISC or JASC provide any financial aid?**

Through the Plant a Diplomatic "Tree" Scholarship Fund, ISC will provide one scholarship for each of ISC's 2022 Conferences. For a list of other potential scholarships, please click here. [<https://iscdc.org/scholarships/>

## **What does the \$3500 fee cover?**

The fee for JASC will include lodging, meals, conference activity fees/expenses, and any ground transportation/flights between sites. Delegates are responsible for personal expenses (extra food, gifts, etc.) as well as transportation to the first site and home from the last site of the conference.

# FAQs (cont.)

## **When should I purchase my flight tickets?**

You may purchase your flight as soon as you are accepted as delegates. Due to COVID-19, JASC strongly recommends that accepted delegates purchase refundable tickets in the event that government recommendations discourage travel.

## **What impact does COVID-19 have on JASC?**

We are committed first and foremost to the health and safety of all students and therefore will adapt with the circumstances in the U.S. and Japan as program planning continues. Executive committee members are currently planning events and activities with COVID-19 and appropriate safety measures in mind.

Your patience is appreciated in the event that it becomes unsafe to travel to any of the scheduled programs. Please consider that we are committed to providing a worthwhile student experience even if the logistics of the conference may change.

**For more FAQs, please visit: <http://iscdc.org/faq/>**

# CONTACT

Stay up-to-date with us on social media:

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 ISC Instagram: @isc\_dc

 JASC Instagram: @jasc\_official.us

For additional information or questions, reach out to the JASC Executive Committee at [jasc@iscdc.org](mailto:jasc@iscdc.org) or ISC at [info@iscdc.org](mailto:info@iscdc.org)

To learn more about JASC and ISC, please visit our website at [www.iscdc.org/jasc/](http://www.iscdc.org/jasc/)

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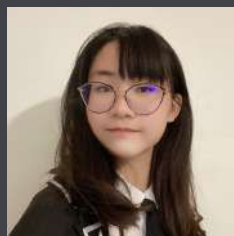
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