

2026 Choudou Scholarship Application Guidelines (For Undergraduate Students)

The Choudou Scholarship, founded by the Suenobu Foundation, is available to third-year students enrolled in the College of Law and Politics. Eligible applicants must demonstrate academic excellence and dedicated commitment to their studies.

Who Can Apply

Eligible candidates must be:

- Currently enrolled in the third year at the College of Law and Politics as of April 2026
- Admitted in September 2023 or April 2024
- In good standing with continuous enrollment (no history of leaves of absence)

Important Eligibility Notes

1. "Third-year students" refers to students who, as of April 2026, will be in their 5th semester (or 6th semester if admitted in September), with no interruptions in their academic enrollment.
 2. Students currently on a leave of absence at the time of application or planning to take a leave during the Spring 2026 semester are not eligible for consideration.
 3. If you are receiving or applying for other private scholarships, please verify whether concurrent scholarship receipt is permitted.
 4. International students receiving a Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship are ineligible. Other international students receiving or applying for scholarships should confirm scholarship compatibility through the International Office.
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Award Details

- **Award Amount:** ¥900,000 per academic year
 - **Type:** Non-repayable grant
 - **Duration:** Two-year award period (discontinued if the recipient takes leave; refunds required for any leave periods)
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Available Awards

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be evaluated through:

Review of all submitted application documents

Personal interview with the scholarship committee

Application Window

April 8, 2026 (Wed) – April 14, 2026 (Tue)

Required Documentation

1. **Application Form (For Undergraduate Students)**
 - Download the designated form from the RIKKYO PORTAL Scholarship page
 - Print on A4-sized paper and complete using a black ballpoint pen only (erasable pens are not allowed)

- Make corrections by crossing out with double line and rewriting (no correction products permitted)

2. Academic Transcript

- Must include grades through Fall 2025 semester

3. Faculty Recommendation Letter

- Download the designated form from the RIKKYO PORTAL Scholarship page
- Complete the "Applicant Section" before asking your academic advisor to complete the recommendation
- Faculty advisor must submit directly to scholarship@rikkyo.ac.jp with the subject line "Recommendation Letter (Choudou Scholarship)"

Submission Process

- Location: Student Affairs Scholarship Office, 1st Floor, Building 5 (Ikebukuro Campus)
- Hours: Documents accepted during posted office hours only
- No late submissions will be considered

Interview Process

- Dates: April 17, 2026 (Fri), 12:00–13:40 or April 20, 2026 (Mon), 12:00–13:40
- Format: Online, approximately 10 minutes per candidate
- Scheduling: Interview time must be reserved when submitting application documents

Timeline

- Results Notification: July 2026 (tentative)

Results will be mailed to the address provided in your application form.

If Selected

Follow the instructions provided in the notification to complete the necessary procedures promptly.

Award Disbursement

- Late July 2026 (tentative) via bank transfer

Award Ceremony

- Date to be announced to recipients

Further details will be provided to recipients.

Additional Information

1. Recipient information (College, department, year, and name) may be published in university promotional materials
2. Students currently studying abroad and considering applying for this scholarship should contact the Scholarship Office immediately at scholarship@rikkyo.ac.jp

Choudou Scholarship – Application Form Completion Guide

General Instructions

- Complete all fields marked within the bold lines
- Use the Gregorian calendar for all dates

Section-by-Section Guidelines

A: Personal Information

- Must be completed by the applicant personally

B: Academic History

- Include all academic history from high school graduation to present
- Document any leaves of absence
- Attach additional pages if necessary

C: Enrollment status

- Circle appropriate enrollment status for each semester
- Confirm you are currently in your 5th semester (6th semester for students admitted in September)
- Note: Students who have taken a leave of absence during their studies, are currently on leave, or plan to take leave in Spring 2026 are ineligible

D: Monthly Living Expenses

- Ensure total income equals or exceeds total expenses

E: Scholarship History

- Record all scholarships received while at Rikkyo University, except for JASSO scholarships
- Circle appropriate option and provide details if you have received any scholarships

E-2: JASSO Scholarship Information

- Indicate current or previous JASSO funding status
- Provide scholarship type and your scholarship number

F: Faculty Recommendation

- Enter name of recommending faculty member
- Include date when recommendation was requested

G: Family Information

- List all members living in the same household and their annual income
- For salaried individuals: Use “payment amount” from withholding tax slip
- For self-employed/freelancers: Use “total income amount” and “total taxable income amount” from tax return
- Consult the Scholarship Office for clarification if needed

H: Academic Achievement & Future Plans

- Provide specific details about academic accomplishments
- Outline clear future academic and career goals

I: Motivation & Planned Use

- Detail how you plan to utilize scholarship funds

Privacy Statement

All information submitted will be used exclusively for scholarship selection purposes and will not be shared with outside parties.

For inquiries: Rikkyo University Scholarship Office (Ikebukuro Campus)

Telephone: 03-3985-2441

Email: scholarship@rikkyo.ac.jp