

# JAPAN

## Akito Sumibo Student Exchange Scholarship

*"My full immersion into Japanese life helped me to understand the cultural aspect of the words I used...I can wholeheartedly say that I am closer to being fluent...I can thank my exchange for this. Overall my experience was amazing."*

Reece, 2016 Scholarship Recipient



Mitsui Coal Holdings and AngloAmerican with the support of the Sumibo family are generously giving the opportunity for a selected Australian student to visit Japan as part of the high school exchange program for 4 weeks departing late 2017.

# APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!



Japan is the most popular destination for Australian school students to go abroad due to a long history of programs between the two countries. Each year AFS Intercultural Programs sends students from all around Australia to Japan to experience the Japanese culture and its people, learn the language, and to live with a carefully selected host family to fully immerse themselves in the Japanese way of life.

The Akito Sumibo scholarship is accepting applications for an outstanding student to undertake a four week student exchange program to Japan. Departing in late November 2017, students attend a Japanese High School, live with a Japanese host family and experience the Japanese culture first-hand.

This program can be a life changing and eye opening experience, and will open students up to not only a new culture, but will help forge life-long connections and friendships. Living and studying abroad will prepare students for life in ways that no other experience can—you'll learn more, gain more, and grow more than you thought possible. You'll be making many important decisions soon. Do it with a "real world view"!

At the end of the program the student will join an alumni network of 450,000+ fellow AFS returnees from around the world, who have chosen to "learn the culture and language, by living the culture and language". The best thing is, this opportunity is available to an Australian student from anywhere in the country to participate in the program on a fully funded scholarship, the Akito Sumibo Scholarship!

**Scholarship value:** \$7,500

**Scholarship application deadline:** 1st July 2017

**Program Dates:** Departs - 30 November 2017  
Returns - 27 December 2017

**Program Eligibility:**

- Attending an Australian high school and in Years 9, 10 or 11
- Aged between 15 and 17 at the start of the program
- Meet the AFS application guidelines for AFS Japan programs
- Capable of adjusting to new experiences and environments with a sense of adventure
- Willing to provide program updates to the sponsors throughout the program
- Currently be studying in a structured Japanese language class - inside or outside of school

**Scholarship inclusions:**

- All domestic and international flights
- Host family placement- homestay with all meals included
- Enrolment at a Japanese High School
- Orientation pre departure, on arrival and at end of stay
- 24/7 support from AFS Japan and AFS Australia
- Comprehensive medical insurance

**Interested in applying for this scholarship?**

**To get your application started, get in touch with AFS by:**

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