

(3) FOR VISITING SPOUSE/CHILD/RELATIVES/ACQUAINTANCE WHO HAS A JAPANESE RESIDENCE CARD /FOR VISITING SOFA STATUS FAMILY MEMBERS

【Definition】 A foreign citizen traveling to Japan for visiting families who have a Japanese residence card/visiting SOFA status family members

【Term of Stay】 Stay of up to 90 days

【Validity of Visa】 Single entry: 3 months from date of issue

REQUIREMENTS:

✕ Please do not staple the following documents.

☐ **VALID PASSPORT AND** ☐ **COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (THE PAGES OF YOUR PHOTO AND SIGNATURE)**

Please sign your passport and check that you have at least two unused blank visa pages.

☐ **COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORM:**

Downloadable forms:

[Application form with QR code \(type and print\)](#)

[Application form for print only \(handwriting\)](#)

The applicant must complete the application by typing or with black pen. Signatures must be in ink pen. No digital signatures will be accepted. If a field is not applicable, please write “N/A” or “None”. Please make sure to verify your email address and phone number are clearly and legibly listed on the application form.

☐ **ONE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH:**

2x2 inches, color. Photograph must be taken within the last six months with plain background.

☐ **INVITATION LETTER** ([English](#)) or ([Japanese](#))

☐ **WRITTEN PLEDGE** ([English](#)) or ([Japanese](#))

☐ **PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON LIVING IN JAPAN:**

☐ **Copy of Birth Certificate** / ☐ **Copy of Marriage Certificate**

☐ **PROOF OF CURRENT ADDRESS:**

Copy of MI/OH Driver License or MI/OH ID. If your ID does not list current address, please provide a copy of a utility bill.

☐ **COPY OF RESIDENCY (JUMINHYO 住民票) issued within 3 months**

*Not necessary for Family members of SOFA members.

☐ **COPY OF RESIDENCE CARD (ZAIRYU KA-DO 在留カード) FROM PERSON LIVING IN JAPAN**

For Family members of SOFA members: a COPY OF THEIR MILITARY ID

☐ **PROOF OF YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION STATUS**

- ☐ Copy of Valid U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green card).
- ☐ Printout of the “most recent I-94” From [CBP's website](#) if you have L Visa or E Visa.
- ☐ Copy of Valid F1 Visa ☐ Copy of Original 1-20 with valid travel endorsement signature.
- ☐ Printout of the “most recent I-94” From [CBP's website](#)
- ☐ Copy of Valid J1 Visa ☐ Copy of Original DS-2019.
- ☐ Printout of the “most recent I-94” From [CBP's website](#)

☐ **AUTHORIZATION FORM:**

Signed [authorizations](#)

This is mandatory if someone else is applying or/and picking up on your behalf.

☐ **VISA FEE:**

No visa fee for U.S. citizens.

Other Nationalities, please check [List of fees](#)

※**Payable in cash, by money order or cashier's check payable to “Consulate General of Japan”**

※**We do not accept credit cards or personal checks.**

※The fees change on April 1st each year.

FOR APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE IN OHIO OR OUTSIDE OF THE METRO DETROIT AREA BUT WITHIN MICHIGAN:

If you reside in Ohio or outside of the Metro Detroit area but within Michigan, you have the option of mailing everything in by FedEx, UPS, U.S. Postal Service Express or Priority Mail. In that case, please include the following documents to your mail.

☐ **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** if applicable (See “9. Retrieval of Passport” in [General Visa Information](#))

Downloadable form: [Release of Liability](#)

☐ **PREPAID AND SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH TRACKING SYSTEM** if applicable (See “9. Retrieval of Passport” in [General Visa Information](#) for details.)

Mailing address:

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit
Attn: Visa Section
400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600
Detroit, MI 48243

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