AY 2026 Nagoya University President's Award Application Guidelines

1. Objective

As stated in the Nagoya University Academic Charter, our objective in human resource development is that "we must cultivate courageous intellectuals endowed with powers of logical thinking and creativity by providing an education that values initiative". To achieve this objective, we are committed to providing an education that promotes student initiative and cultivating individuals with a spirit of challenge who have the ability to think logically, solve problems, and take action.

The President's Award Program was created to honor students who serve as an example of the model Nagoya University student through their academic achievements and cultural and social activities, as well as to encourage the further development of students who possess both exceptional character and creativity by widely publicizing their activities.

2. Overview of the President's Award Program

(1) Number of Recipients and Description of Prize

Number of Recipients: 10 to 15 (individuals and groups)

Description of Prize: Each honoree receives a certificate of commendation and a monetary prize (50,000 yen).

The monetary prize awarded as part of the President's Award is appropriated from funds donated to Nagoya University by the Nagoya University Co-op to enhance the student scholarship system.

(2) Eligible Students

①Award for Initiative in Academics

There are many students at Nagoya University who are highly motivated and independent learners. We believe that celebrating these students helps increase students' passion for learning not only within their department, but across the entire university. Thus, Nagoya University presents this award to students who have actively demonstrated outstanding initiative towards academic achievement.

Undergraduate students (individuals) are eligible for this award.

②Award for Initiative in Extracurricular Activities

There are students and groups at Nagoya University who strive to embody the personal qualities stated in our educational goals, not only as students but also as members of society. We believe that the activities of these students help enhance Nagoya University's presence and foster a supportive academic environment. Thus, Nagoya University presents this award to students and student groups who engage in extracurricular activities with initiative and conviction and who achieve extraordinary accomplishments or help contribute to society through their activities. Individual students and student groups are eligible for this award.

3. Eligibility

(1) Award for Initiative in Academics

Recommendation Qualifications:

Final year Nagoya University undergraduate students (degree-seeking students) who satisfy any of the following conditions.

Eligible Persons

- Students who are recognized as having demonstrated outstanding academic performance.
- Students who have actively demonstrated initiative towards academic achievement and who are recognized as model students in both attitude and academic performance.

（2） Award for Initiative in Extracurricular Activities

Application Qualifications

Individual undergraduate or graduate students (degree-seeking students) or student groups of Nagoya University satisfies any of the following conditions.

Eligible Persons

- Students or groups who have received high praise or significantly contributed to enhancing Nagoya University's reputation through extracurricular activities
- Students or groups who have received high praise or significantly contributed to enhancing Nagoya University's reputation through social contribution activities, such as volunteering or international exchange
- Students or groups who are continuously engaged in extracurricular activities and through those activities have significantly contributed to Nagoya University.
- Individuals and organizations who have not received this award in the past three years, or who received it three years ago or earlier and have newly conducted outstanding activities worthy of special recognition. [Note: Activities found to be related to regular studies/research are not eligible.]

4. How to Apply

（1） Award for Initiative in Academics

- Each department may nominate one student to be recommended by the dean of the department. (Each department shall set its own recommendation criteria.)
- Please complete and submit Form 1 (hereinafter referred to as "Letter of Recommendation") for submitting recommendations.
  * It is mandatory to attach academic transcripts and supporting documents that verify the information stated in the recommendation section, such as qualification certificates, academic papers, and records of activities.(For documents in foreign languages, please attach a simple Japanese translation.)
  * Please attach a Japanese translation (A4 size) to any English Letters of Recommendation.

（2） Award for Initiative in Extracurricular Activities

- Applications are open to all Nagoya University students, whether they are self-recommended or recommended by others.
- Regardless of who is making the recommendation, the student or group must complete and submit Form 2 (hereinafter referred to as "Application Form") themselves.
  * Please attach a Letter of Recommendation (A4 size, any format) if available.
  * Please attach any materials that show the specific activity (photos, newspaper articles, etc.) in size A4 if available. You may submit up to 3 pages.
  * Please attach a Japanese translation (A4 size) to any English Letters of Recommendation.
  * After receiving the application form, the secretariat will notify the applicant of its acceptance to the e-mail address indicated in the "Application Form". **If you do not receive an acknowledgement from the secretariat within three days of submission, please contact the telephone number below.**
    Applications sent during the winter break (December 29-January 3) will be notified after the winter break. Applicants will be notified after the winter break.
    Secretariat Phone: +81-(0)52-789- 2161

5. Application Period.

Period: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 - Wednesday, January 6, 2027, 5:00 p.m. (Must arrive)

＊Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Submitted to: Education Planning Division, Education & International Affairs Department, Nagoya University

＊Submissions will be accepted by e-mail only.

E-mail: souchou k@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp
Phone: +81-(0)52-789-2161
U R L: http://web-honbu.jimu.nagoya-u.ac.jp/gakumu/souchou_kenshou/
(Please download the Application Forms from the link above.)

6. Selection Process

First Round: Document screening based on submitted application documents.
Second Round: Online oral presentation and Q&A session with the Evaluation Committee.
Friday, January 29, 2027, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Award for Initiative in Academics)
Friday, February 19, 2027, 1:00 -3:00 p.m. (Award for Initiative in Extracurricular Activities)
＊Each session will take about 10 minutes.
＊If you are absent or late for the second round, it will be assumed that you have withdrawn your application from further consideration.

7. Announcement of Result

（1）First round results will be sent to the e-mail address provided on the Letter of Recommendation or Application Form by around 5:00 PM on Friday, January 22, 2027 (scheduled).
If you pass the first round, please promptly reply with confirmation of your attendance in the second round to the Education Planning Division, Education & International Affairs Department after receiving the result. Failure to send a confirmation email will be regarded as withdrawal from consideration. (E-mail: souchou_k@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

（2） Second round results will be sent to the e-mail address provided on the Letter of Recommendation or Application Form by the following date (Scheduled).
Wednesday, February 3, 2027, around 5:00 p.m. (Award for Initiative in Academics)
Wednesday, February 24, 2027, around 5:00 p.m. (Award for Initiative in Extracurricular Activities)
If you pass the second round, please promptly reply with confirmation of having received the result to the Education Planning Division, Education & International Affairs Department (at above address). Failure to send a confirmation email will be regarded as withdrawal from consideration.

8. Schedule after the Award Decision

The President of the University will present the award to the award winners, and the activities of the award winners will be posted on the University's website.
The award ceremony and the submission of required documents are scheduled as outlined below. As the timeline is relatively short, please take this schedule into consideration when making nominations and submitting applications.

（1）Academic activities
- Friday, February 12, 5:00 p.m. deadline: Submission of required documents for the award
- Thursday, February 18, 5:00 p.m. deadline: Submission of the awardee's speech manuscript (approx. 400 characters in Japanese or 200 words in English)
- Thursday, March 25 at the graduation ceremony: Award ceremony (at Toyota Auditorium)

（2）Extracurricular activities
- Friday, February 26, 5:00 p.m. deadline: Submission of required documents for the award
- Thursday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. deadline: Submission of the awardee's speech manuscript (approx. 400 characters in Japanese or 200 words in English)
- Thursday, March 25, 2:30 p.m.: Award ceremony (at Toyota Auditorium Conference Room)

(All dates and times are tentative and will be notified by e-mail in case of change.)