

FOR VISITING RELATIVES WHO HAS A JAPANESE RESIDENCE CARD OR WHO IS A SOFA MEMBER: SHORT-TERM TRIP

In principle, Visa applicants should come to the Embassy in person.

Application Drop-off: M-F 9:15am-12:00pm (Morning Only)

(US Passport Holders)

- Passport
- 1x [Visa application form](#) ([sample](#))
- 1x Photo (2"*2")
- **Statement of Reasons:** why you need to go to Japan now (Any form)
- **1x Invitation letter & Written Pledge** filled by an inviter resides in Japan (either in Japanese or in English)
 - Japanese: [Invitation Letter](#) & [Written Pledge](#)
 - English: [Invitation Letter](#) & [Written Pledge](#)
 - *Inviter must reside in Japan.
 - *You can bring a copy (printed paper), no signature required. You do not need to submit a written pledge.
 - *Please write full information of your inviter; do not write "same as guarantor" on a section of "Inviting person."
- **1x Copy of inviter's Photo ID** (e.g., Passport, Driver's License)
- **Proof of your relationship with inviter** (e.g., Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate etc.)
- **1x Copy of inviter's Japanese Residence Card**

(Non-US Passport Holders)

- Passport
- **U.S. Visa** (e.g. Green Card) *If you are not a U.S. Passport Holder.
 - *Please note that in principle we do not accept an application from B-1 and B-2 U.S. visa status holders
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- **1x Copy of inviter's Japanese Residence Card**
- **Most recent 1 month Bank Statement** (proof of sufficient funds for a travel)
- **Intended Flight Itinerary**

Please note that the Consul may request additional documents in addition to those listed above.

Source: <https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/j/download/RELATIVES.pdf>

Visa Page : https://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/travel_and_visa.html