
-Activity Grant -

General Guideline



OBJECTIVES

Peace is the desire of all humankind.

Many people in many nations are working unstintingly to bring it about. In spite of this, enormous problems still exist. How best to handle them is the task facing us today.

The causes of obstructions to peace are manifold, ranging from those involving the individual, the family, the local community, and the nation through problems involving nature and the environment. It is no overstatement to say, however, that the way human beings themselves live is the root of these problems. In times like these, a religion that teaches peace and tolerance has an important role to play.

Based on these considerations, the Niwano Peace Foundation promotes interreligious understanding and cooperation. It also strives to strengthen cooperation among people actively making continuing efforts, in a religious spirit, to achieve a peaceful society.

The Foundation does not support any specific religious group. Respecting the uniqueness of each religion and embracing the spirit of tolerance, it aims to build a world of peace and coexistence. The Foundation makes grants in order to provide active encouragement for activities undertaken in a religious spirit and conducted in such a way as to invite broad social participation.

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Overview

1. Fields eligible for support

Grant will be provided for activities as described in items A or B below;

A. Social activities based on a religious spirit

Activities for individual and community welfare and peace, both physical and spiritual, based on a religious spirit that emerges from reverence for God, Buddha, or other universal spiritual reality.

In particular, peace-making activities related to education, volunteer work, development cooperation, environmental protection, human rights or social problems of an aging society done in a spirit of religious tolerance which transcends religious boundaries.

B. Grass-roots activities deployed in a local community

Activities to vitalize local communities through interdisciplinary workshops and meetings with particular emphasis on collaboration by groups and individuals from diverse organizations and religious groups.

It is expected that local communities will come up with some new values with an independent mind.

Examples would be workshops and outreach programs to inspire people to think about how people living in faraway countries are related to their own lives, or to encourage development of local activities in which people "think globally, and act locally."

2. Project/Activity eligible for support

- a. Practical activities, short-term or long-term, directly related to peace building.
- b. Activities which stimulate activities not only in one's own field but as well in other fields and can be creative and pioneering models for realization of peace.

3. Project/Activity ineligible for support

- a. Activities undertaken for the benefit of a specific religious group.
- b. Activities based on or for the advancement of a specific political ideology.
- c. Activities for profit.
- d. Activities the purpose of which is holding conferences as such.
- e. Projects for which the applicant's primary intention is to publish the results of activities. (This does not apply to past grant recipients.)
- f. Grants are not scholarships as such, and are not to be used as financial support for Study abroad.

4. Method of determination

Among applications, few successful applicants will be selected by the Screening Committee, specifically sets up for this activity grant scheme. Selection meeting will be held twice in a year respectively at first term and second term.

5. Grant amount

The amount which one applicant can apply will be up to 1,000,000 Japanese yen. After screening and determination by Screening Committee, actual amount to be provided can be sometime reduced than original amount in applying.

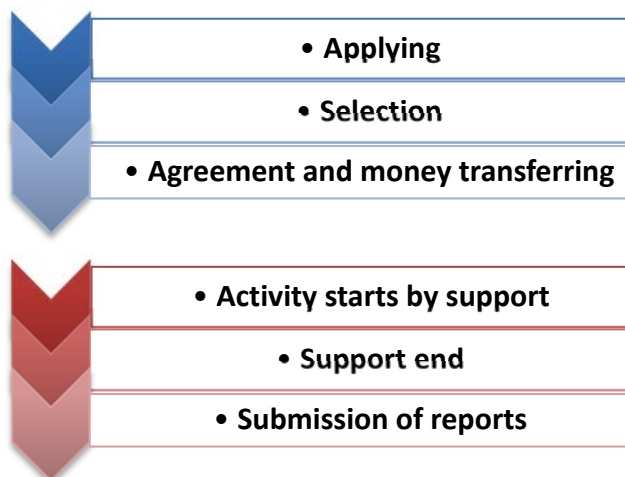
6. Supporting period

Providing grant is for one year in applicant's activity. Extensional or renewal support may not be operated. However, one can apply the same activity for next fiscal year if submit application anew.

7. Requirement for successful applicant (Report submitting)

Successful applicant will be required to submit a narrative report and financial report about granted activity, after finished supporting period.

8. Procedure in general



9. Schedule

Schedules of important dates are as follows;

	First term	Second term
Starts application receiving at NPF	March 15	July 1
Deadline application receiving at NPF	April 30 (not later than)	August 13 (not later than)
Selection and determination	End of June	End of September
Agreement and money transferring	End of July	End of October
Activity starts by support	August 1	November 1
Support end	(Next year) July 31	(Next year) October 31
Report submitting (Deadline)	(Next year) September 30	(Year after next) January 10

*For further information, please refer to '[5. How to submit the application](#)' in the 'Application Guideline'.

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