



Instruction for Obtaining “College Student Visa”

Non-Japanese students from abroad to study at Sophia must obtain a college student visa before you enter Japan. A temporary visitor visa is not acceptable. Please read the following instruction carefully.

(1) Sophia University will file for Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for your visa at the Tokyo Immigration Bureau. COE is one of the documents needed for applying student visa. We will send your COE to your home university together with your Acceptance Letter in the end of July- beginning of August, 2017. Please make arrangement with your home institution and notify them of your contact information during break so the document could be forwarded smoothly. If you do not receive the COE by middle of February, please contact the exchange coordinator in your home institution as soon as possible.

(2) After you receive your COE and the Acceptance Letter from Sophia, you can file for your college student visa. You will need to bring the following to the Japanese consulate (or embassy) where you reside.

*Documents to be submitted for application may differ from country to country.

For details, please inquire at your nearest Japanese consulate or embassy.

1. Passport
2. Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
3. Acceptance Letter from Sophia University
4. 2 photos (45mm x 45 mm)

(3) Please make sure you have enough time to obtain the visa before entering Japan. In principle, you cannot enter Japan without your college student visa.

Notice:

Our office will close for summer recess during August 11-17, 2017.