

Macalester College

Japan House (176 Vernon Street)

Resident Application



Please read the fine print before filling out an application. Completed applications are due each semester by the date announced on the Asian Languages and Cultures Department website (www.macalester.edu/asian).

Students should remember that Japan House is a cooperative living venture that is part of Residential Life. There are many benefits and appealing features of living at Japan House, and residents' Japanese will certainly improve, but living there may not offer all the freedoms of an off-campus apartment. Please note that residents of Japan House must either take a course in Japanese during their residence there or must receive special permission from the chair of the Asian Languages and Cultures Department. If you have questions about any aspect of the Japan House, please contact Satoko Suzuki (tel. 651-696-6723 or suzuki@macalester.edu).

Print this document out, complete and send or drop off in the mailbox in Humanities 108. Or copy the text into an email program and email to Professor Suzuki at suzuki@macalester.edu.

Resident Application, PART 1

Name	
Telephone Number	
Email Address:	
Expected date of graduation (year & month):	
Year at Mac: (1st yr, 2nd yr, etc.)	
How long and where have you studied Japanese?	
Have you been to Japan? When, for what purpose, and for how long?	

Current on- or off-campus residence:	
Term(s) applying for:	

Resident Application, PART 2

Please answer the following questions; write legibly and use a separate piece of paper if necessary.

1. Why would you like to live at the Japan House?

2. How could you contribute to the Macalester community by living in Japan House?

Japan House Student Manager Application



Unlike other language houses at Mac, the Japan House has a student manager because the Native Speaker comes to Macalester from far away and often does not have extensive experience with U.S. culture. The student manager is a paid position and as such, s/he is expected to perform the following roles in the Japan House:

- ensures that Japanese is spoken
- ensures that residents and other students have opportunities to learn about Japanese culture, this includes, but is not limited to, organizing at least one monthly cultural activity at Japan House
- producing at least two Japan House Newsletters per semester with advice from the departmental chair
- coordinates between the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and the Japan House regarding the condition of the house and needs of the residents
- coordinates between the Japan House and the Office of Residential Life
- identifies (in consultation with other residents) the housekeeping tasks that must be done, and sets up a schedule showing who will do what, and when
- sets up the House for living at the beginning of the term, bringing household items out of storage, and making sure that all things necessary for the residents to be able to cook, eat, and clean are there in place
- makes up or updates an inventory of household goods, and checks off that all goods put into storage the previous year (or semester) are still there

Resident applicants who are interested in being the Japan House Student Manager, please submit the following application (in addition to the Resident Application above.)

Do you have a school financial aid award?	
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Please describe the special strengths that would help you perform this job effectively.

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