

2020 Soka University Undergraduate Admissions for International Students - Policy Type 1 (Document Screening)

2019-06 Version

1. FACULTY, DEPARTMENT, AND ADMISSION CAPACITY

Admissions for International Students are open in the following Departments.

Faculty	Department	Admission Capacity
Economics	Economics	5 students
Business Administration	Business Administration	5 students
Law	Law	A few students
Letters	Human Studies	4 students
Education	Education	A few students
	Primary Education	A few students
Science and Engineering	Information Systems Engineering	A few students
	Science and Engineering for Sustainable Innovation	A few students
International Liberal Arts	International Liberal Arts	15 students

- Faculty of Nursing does not have International Students Admissions Policy.
- If the admission committee judges that there are no applicants who are qualified, the number of admitted students may remain below the capacity.
- Applicants can apply for both Type 1 and Type 2 Admission (Exam and Interview).
- The admission capacity for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts includes students applying via English Medium Programs Admission.

2. APPLICATION PERIOD

September 15, 2019 (Sun.) – October 15, 2019 (Tue.) (must arrive by October 15, 2019) *Japan time
Notification: early December 2019

3. ELIGIBILITY

An individual who satisfies one of the three following conditions is eligible to apply:

- An individual who has completed or is scheduled to complete a 12-year school education outside of Japan; If the applicant has attended a Japanese school (*1), the school's enrollment period must be 6 years or less.
- An individual who has completed or is scheduled to complete the relevant high school courses stipulated in the School Education Act of Japan; If the applicant has attended a Japanese school (*2), the school's enrollment period must be 3 years or less.
- Among those who have received education overseas and the curriculum is less than 12 years or eligible to attend a university in their respective countries (*3), Soka may approve application eligibility through document screening. On the same basis, students graduating from international schools in Japan may be approved eligible to apply.

*1, *2 A Japanese school refers to elementary, junior high, and high schools based on the School Education Act of Japan and to overseas Japanese schools approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

*3 International Baccalaureate, German Abitur, French Baccalaureate, or other equivalent certificate

4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements.

- (1) Applicants must take the Standardized Examination and submit their score report. Applicants for the Faculty of Science and Engineering must take “Mathematics” in the standardized examination. Only SAT, ACT, Cambridge GCE A level, or College Scholastic Ability Test (Republic of Korea) are accepted for applicants for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts.
- (2) Applicants for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts must take either TOEFL-iBT or IELTS (Academic Module) and submit the score report. Applicants for other faculties should also submit a proof of English proficiency.
- (3) Applicants for the Faculties of Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, and Science and Engineering who cannot submit the score report for one of the Standardized Examination listed in item (1) above, as well as applicants for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts who were not enrolled in a high school in the United States, must submit the IERF Detail Report of their high school transcript.
- (4) Applicants for the Faculties of Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, Science and Engineering must be able to provide proof of Japanese language proficiency of N2 level or above in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), or submit a score report of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU). Note that applicants must score 200 or above in “Japanese as a foreign language,” not including the writing section.

Required Documents	Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, Science and Engineering	International Liberal Arts
(1) Standardized Examination	<u>All applicants who are eligible to take the standardized examination in their respective countries must submit the score report.</u>	<u>Submit the score report of either SAT, ACT, Cambridge GCE A level or College Scholastic Ability Test (Republic of Korea).</u>
(2) IERF Detail Report (High School report converted into the U.S. standard) *IERF: International Education Research Foundation	Those who cannot submit document(s) listed under (1) must submit the IERF Detail Report along with the original copy of the academic transcript.	Applicants who attend or have attended a high school outside of the U.S. must submit the IERF Detail Report along with the original copy of the academic transcript.
(3) Certificate of English Proficiency	Applicants who are not from an English-speaking country are required to submit a score report of an English proficiency test. Examples include TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, or the English language section of a standardized examination. If applicants are unable to submit any of the above, English in their high school transcripts will be considered.	All applicants including native speakers of English must submit their score report of either TOEFL-iBT or IELTS Academic Module. (taken within two years prior to application).
(4) Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency	Applicants must submit JLPT Certificate of Result and Scores, showing a passing grade of N2 level, or submit a score report of EJU. Note that applicants must score 200 or above in “Japanese as a foreign language,” not including the writing section.	N/A

List of the main standardized examinations used for college admission.

Country/Region	Examination
People's Republic of China	National Higher Education Entrance Examination
Hong Kong	HKALE (Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination) HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education)
Taiwan	General Scholastic Ability Test
Republic of Korea	College Scholastic Ability Test* (Mock examination in June or September for high school students)
United States of America	SAT I (Scholastic Assessment Test Reasoning Test)* - DI Code: 7553 ACT (American College Testing)*
United Kingdom	GCE (General Certificate of Education) A level*
France	Baccalaureate
Germany	Abitur
Australia	HSC (High School Certificate)
Singapore	GCE (General Certificate of Education) A level
Malaysia	STPM (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia) A level Unified Examination, Senior Middle Level
Indonesia	SBMPTN (Seleksi Bersama Masuk Perguruan Tinggi Negeri)
Thailand	Standardized National University Entrance Examination, GAT, ONET
International Baccalaureate	IB Transcript for the final exams
Brazil	Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio

* The Faculty of International Liberal Arts will only accept the following standardized examinations: SAT, ACT, Cambridge GCE A Level, and South Korea's College Scholastic Ability Test.

5. FACULTIES APPLIED TO

- Applicants may apply to up to two departments within the nine departments of the seven faculties, namely: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Science and Engineering, and Faculty of International Liberal Arts.

- Applicants applying to two departments must indicate their "First Choice" and "Second Choice" in the relevant column. Also, submit the "Statement of Purpose and Study Plan" or an essay for each choice.

- If the applicant is accepted to the department of first choice, only admission to the first choice will be permitted. The second choice cannot be chosen after acceptance into the first choice.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please access the following pages for application:

Japanese: <https://soka.campus-p.jp/ja/>

English: <https://soka.campus-p.jp/en/>

1. Required documents differ by department. Carefully read the “List of Required Documents” in the table before applying.

2. Complete the Online Application and submit the application documents by the deadline. In case you miss one of these, your application will not be considered as completed.

3. Submitted documents (high school graduation certificate, transcript, etc.) will not be returned. However, regarding the original copies of certificates that cannot be reissued (e.g. graduation diploma), if you want to have such documents returned, please enclose a letter specifying which document(s) are to be returned together with an additional copy and state the address that you would like the documents sent to (along with the telephone contact info) (envelope and stamps not required). In principle, the documents will be returned after the application results are announced.

4. Soka University will not take any responsibility for documents that went missing during shipping, therefore please send the documents via EMS or other registered express mail. Do not enclose any unnecessary documents.

5. Send the set of application forms by simple registered mail or using an international courier service to the International Affairs Office Admissions Section within the application period. If you send the documents immediately before the application deadline, use “simple registered express mail” or “Express Mail Service (EMS).”

6. In order to confirm the delivery of the submitted documents, confirm using the receipt number of the post office or tracking number of the international courier service on your own. * Soka University will not notify you of the receipt of the documents.

Also, you may confirm the delivery of the documents on “My Page” of the web application system. However, it may take a couple of days after delivery until the status is updated on the website.

7. The International Affairs Office of Soka University will not accept any application documents handed over directly by an applicant or a proxy.

8. No application documents delivered after the application deadline will be accepted for any reason. Even in the event of non-delivery or delayed delivery caused by trouble at the postal service or courier service, the University shall take no responsibility.

9. The university will not contact you regarding any errors in the submitted documents. Please confirm with the list of required documents to make sure there are no errors and please check the documents one more time when mailing them.

10. Those submitting the following documents, please use the codes below:

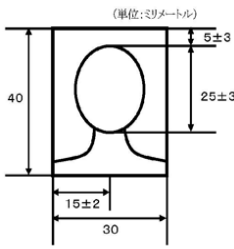
- IERF <http://www.ierf.org/>
EvalDirect Institutional Code: 001240
- TOEFL-iBT <https://www.ets.org/toefl>
Institution Code B413
- SAT <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
DI Code: 7553

1—Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, Science and Engineering

2—International Liberal Arts

List of Required Documents

1	2	Required Documents	Detail	Form
○		1. Application Form	You may apply up to 2 departments.	Online application
○ (*4)		2. Statement of Purpose and Study Plan	- Submit the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” for each department you are applying to. - Note that the Faculty of Education and International Liberal Arts have different forms. Read the instructions carefully when writing the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan.”	Online application

○	3. Photograph	<p>Upload a headshot (4cm x 3cm) taken within the last three months.</p> <p>Note: - no hat, plain background - submit 2 headshots in addition to what has been uploaded. Write your name on the back of the photograph.</p> 	Original copy
○	4. Certificate of High School Graduation (or expected)	<p>If still enrolled in high school at the time of application, submit a document certifying expected graduation from high school. Applicants must graduate by March 31, 2020.</p> <p>If this applies, promptly submit the certificate upon graduation from high school. If the certificate is not available, submit the diploma.</p>	Original copy
○	5. Score Report of Standardized Examination	<p>Submit the score report of the standardized examination administered in each country. (Refer to section 4. “Application Requirements (1)” for details)</p>	Original copy
○	6. High School Transcript	<p>A transcript that certifies applicant’s entire academic record throughout high school education.</p> <p>* It must be an official document issued by the high school attended. If unavailable, submit the original copy of your academic performance report.</p> <p>If the submission of the original copy is delayed due to the application process of the IERF Detail Report, notify the office beforehand.</p>	Original copy
△	○	<p>Submit this report when the score report of the standardized examination of the relevant country cannot be submitted. The applicant will be responsible for performing the procedure to have the IERF Detail Report issued.</p> <p>However, for applicants from a country where no standardized examination is conducted and for high school students who are unable to submit the score report when applying due to the late timing of the standardized examination as held at their respective country, in lieu of the score report of the standardized examination, the applicants may submit the IERF Detail Report regarding the high school score report. (For applicants in the Republic of Korea, applicants may submit a score report of the mock examination for the College Scholastic Ability Test.)</p> <p>It takes 20 days to issue the report, so be sure to allow plenty of time when applying for the issuance, in order to receive it prior to the application deadline.</p> <p>In order to apply for the IERF Detail Report, you must submit documents that are also required by Soka University. In this case, prepare a notarized copy for each document in advance and be sure to submit it to</p>	Electronic copy (EvalDirect) Institutional Code: 001240

			Soka University by the application deadline. Applicants to the Faculty of International Liberal Arts who attend or have attended a high school outside of the U.S. must submit a Detail Report of their high school transcript screened by IERF and submit it along with the original copy of their transcript. △: Only if you cannot submit document 5 (Score report of Standardized Examination)	
○		8. Recommendation Letter (Designated Format)	The recommendation letter is to be written by a teacher who has taught the applicant in class at high school.	Format is available in the website
○	—	9. Certificate of Japanese Proficiency	Applicants must provide Japanese language proficiency of JLPT N2 or above, or score 200 or above in EJU (Japanese as a foreign language). This is not required for those applying only to the Faculty of International Liberal Arts.	Original copy
○		10. Certificate of English Proficiency	Applicants who are not from an English-speaking country are required to submit a score report of an English proficiency test. Examples include TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, or the English language section of a standardized examination. If an applicant cannot take the examinations, a high school transcript that includes the grades for English language is accepted. Applicants for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts must submit either the TOEFL-iBT or IELTS Academic Module scores, taken within two years prior to application. TOEFL-iBT Institution Code: B413	Original copy
○		11. Application Fee	Make an online credit card payment of 20,000 JPY when submitting the online application. (Refer to section 7. “Application Fee” for details)	—
○		12. Statement of Financial Eligibility (Designated format)	Submit evidence of financial support (e.g., bank statement) to cover the tuition and living expenses. (Refer to section 8. “Statement of Financial Eligibility” for details)	Format is available in the website
○		13. Application for Academic Fee Exemption (Designated format)	Applicants who wish to be considered for Academic Fee Exemption must submit the application form, along with the official documents issued by public agencies stating the household income. (Refer to section 9. “Scholarship System” for details)	Format is available in the website

(*4) Statement of Purpose and Study Plan

Carefully read the Three Guidelines (Admission Policy, Curriculum Policy, and Diploma Policy) of the respective Faculty, and submit the “Statement of Purpose and Study Plan” via online application system.

Faculty of Economics: <https://www.soka.ac.jp/economics/about/policy/>

Faculty of Business Administration: https://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/business_administration/

Faculty of Law: <http://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/law/>

Faculty of Letters: <http://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/letters/>

Faculty of Education: <http://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/education/>

Faculty of Science and Engineering: <http://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/engineering/>

Faculty of International Liberal Arts: <http://www.soka.ac.jp/department/policy/international/>

(*5) Language of the submitted documents

Documents are accepted only in Japanese or English. Attach a translation if the documents are in any other languages. Documents for FILA application must be prepared in English.

(*6) No applications will be accepted after the application deadline, regardless of the reason.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

International Affairs Office – International Admissions Section
Soka University
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7. APPLICATION FEE

Application Fee Payment Method

Application Fee: 20,000 JPY

- Pay the application fee of 20,000 JPY by credit card when you submit your online application.
- The name on the credit card used for the payment may be a person other than the applicant. However, it is necessary to enter the applicant's information in the "applicant information" section even when a proxy performs the procedure.
- If the credit card settlement is cancelled after payment is made, the eligibility of the individual to apply may be withdrawn.
- If the payment via credit card does not go through due to technical difficulties, bank transfer is allowed (its fees would be borne by the applicant). If you wish to make a payment by bank transfer, contact the International Affairs Office via the online application page.

8. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

The statement is to be signed by the financial supporter. Attach the documents below as evidence of financial support. The tuition fees may change when the fee exemption is applied; however, these documents will also be used to apply for the applicants' Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Immigration Bureau, so please read the instructions carefully and prepare accordingly.

- If funded by the applicant
 - Original bank statement of the applicant (statement over a certain amount)
- If funded by a family member outside of Japan
 - Original bank statement of the sponsor (statement over a certain amount)
 - Proof of employment
 - Sponsor's income certificate
 - A document that certifies the sponsor's relationship to the applicant (e.g. a copy of family register, certificate of residence, etc.)
- If funded by a scholarship aside from Soka University's
 - Original scholarship letter stating the amount, duration and name of the organization offering the scholarship (yearly total must be over a certain amount)
- If funded by a sponsor that lives in Japan
 - A tax certificate with the total amount of the sponsor's income (photocopy of income tax certificate, tax deduction certificate, etc.)
 - Proof of employment (if it is a self-owned business, submit an official document such as the copy of corporate registration or operating license)
 - Certificate of residence
 - If the sponsor is an acquaintance or a friend, a document that indicates the relationship to the applicant, such as a photo taken together

* Bank statement or similar document must show a minimum amount of 1,500,000 JPY.

* Applicants submitting their application for the academic fee exemption (please refer to item 9. “Scholarship System”) along with their undergraduate application will be screened of their financial eligibility at the same time. Refer to the chart below for the amount you need to show on your documents such as bank statements.

	Economics, Business Administration, Law, Letters, Education, Science and Engineering	International Liberal Arts
Applying for Academic Fee Exemption	Approx. 1,000,000 JPY	Approx. 2,000,000 JPY
Not applying for Academic Fee Exemption	Approx. 1,500,000 JPY	Approx. 2,500,000 JPY

9. SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM

(1) Tuition fee exemption

By the time of the application to the International Students Admission, the candidates can also apply for the tuition fee exemption. When applying, please submit the Income Certificate referred to January to December 2018 (or the earliest one-year period available) of all financial supporters together with the Application for Tuition Fee Exemption form.

◆ About tuition fee exemption for undergraduate students

Tuition fee exemption will be granted for undergraduate students according to the household annual income as the chart below:

Household annual income	Exemption ratio
Below 4,000,000 JPY	100% exemption
From 4,000,000 to below 8,000,000 JPY	50% exemption
From 8,000,000 to below 10,000,000 JPY	25% exemption
10,000,000 JPY or more	No exemption

* In principle, household income refers to those of the father and mother

- Scholarship application results will be notified jointly with admission decisions to granted applicants only.
- After enrollment, a review of exemption for the subsequent academic year will be conducted yearly. If the recipient’s cumulative GPA is below 2.2 or does not earn at least 15 credits per semester, the exemption will not be granted for the subsequent year.
- Appendix shows the fees required for year 1 of students granted academic fee exemption.

* The fee amounts are subject to change.

(2) Scholarship

After enrollment in the Undergraduate degree at Soka University, students will be able to apply for the Makiguchi Foundation Scholarship for International Students. Application procedures will be explained after enrollment at the briefing session.

First semester 30,000 JPY per month

Second semester and after

Based on the GPA (from high to low): 50,000 JPY, 40,000 JPY, or 30,000 JPY per month

For students with GPA below 2.2: no scholarship

* As a general rule, if a student is receiving scholarship from elsewhere, scholarship from Soka would not be granted.

* The Grade Point Average (GPA) at Soka University is calculated on a 4.0 scale for students enrolling from April 2019.

• If the student engages in an inappropriate act or behavior that may impair the reputation of Soka University, the scholarship may be withdrawn.

• If any changes are made to other scholarship programs, etc., a change may be made to this scholarship program.

10. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is made through document screening.

* Within the screening process, applicants who meet the admissions criteria based on comprehensive evaluation of the submitted documents will be granted admission if the number of applicants does not exceed the capacity. Applicants whose score of the standardized test is below a certain level (approx. 40-50th percentile) will not be granted acceptance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPLICATION RESULTS

Announcement: Early December 2019

One of the following results will be sent to all applicants via e-mail to email address indicated on the application form (*7). Please set Soka University's email address no-reply@soka.campus-p.jp as the sender domain.

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| ① . | Accepted | Accepted to the undergraduate program starting April 2020. |
| ② . | Not Accepted | Did not meet the acceptance standards |
| ③ . | Not Eligible | Not eligible for college admission |

(*7) If you want to change your email address, please do so through the online application on My Page (basic settings).

12. ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

Accepted applicants will receive by e-mail the "Letter of Acceptance" and "Enrollment Guidelines" on the day the results are announced. Please follow the guidelines and perform the enrollment procedure. The enrollment procedure will be complete when the admission fee, tuition, and other payments are paid by bank transfer and when admission documents are submitted. If the procedure is not completed by the deadline, the acceptance may be rescinded.

Announcement of the application results: Early December
Notification of the results and the primary procedure by e-mail

1. Documents to be submitted

	Deadline	Details of the document
1 st step procedures	Mid-December 2019	1. Visa application information
		2. Copy of the passport
		3. Dormitory application (online)
2 nd step procedures	Mid-February 2020	4. Report the date of arrival (online)
		5. Questionnaire about measles-rubella vaccination
		6. Health questionnaire
		7. Application for attendance to the entrance ceremony by the guardians
After arrival	Entry/ submission at the student life guidance class	8. Letter of consent regarding the handling of personal information
		9. Written pledge for entering the dormitory (only for persons who will live in a dormitory)

* The specific dates for submitting the documents and other information will be notified in the enrollment guidelines.

2. Notification of the payment amount

Type of payment/notification	Date of notification	Payment deadline
Admission fee/tuition: Request for payment of admission fee/tuition	End of January 2020	End of February 2020

3. Sending the admission letter and the Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

The admission letter and the Certificate of Eligibility will be sent after confirming that the submission of the documents in 1 to 3 and the payment have been completed by the deadline. In principle, successful candidates must obtain a “Student Visa” at the Japanese diplomatic office in the country of domicile before coming to Japan, and enter Japan with a “Student Visa” status of residence.

* In order to obtain a “Student Visa” status of residence, it is necessary to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. Persons who already have a “Long Term Resident” or “Dependent” status of residence are not required to perform any particular procedures. Also, Japanese citizens with dual citizenship coming to Japan on a Japanese passport are not required to perform any particular procedures.

13. INQUIRIES

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Appendix – Fees for year 1 (Fees for students expected to enroll in 2020)

Please note that the amount for tuition and other fees may suffer changes.

Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Law

Fees	Standard	Full Exemption	Half Exemption	Quarter Exemption
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	600,000 JPY	0 JPY	300,000 JPY	450,000 JPY
Registration fee	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY
School fees	240,000 JPY	0 JPY	120,000 JPY	180,000 JPY
Total	1,100,000 JPY	260,000 JPY	680,000 JPY	890,000 JPY

Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Education

Fees	Standard	Full Exemption	Half Exemption	Quarter Exemption
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	620,000 JPY	0 JPY	310,000 JPY	465,000 JPY
Registration fee	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY
School fees	240,000 JPY	0 JPY	120,000 JPY	180,000 JPY
Total	1,120,000 JPY	260,000 JPY	690,000 JPY	905,000 JPY

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Fees	Standard	Full Exemption	Half Exemption	Quarter Exemption
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	900,000 JPY	0 JPY	450,000 JPY	675,000 JPY
Registration fee	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY
School fees	260,000 JPY	0 JPY	130,000 JPY	195,000 JPY
Laboratory fees	80,000 JPY	0 JPY	40,000 JPY	60,000 JPY
Total	1,500,000 JPY	260,000 JPY	880,000 JPY	1,190,000 JPY

Faculty of International Liberal Arts

Fees	Standard	Full Exemption	Half Exemption	Quarter Exemption
Admission fee	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY	200,000 JPY
Tuition	840,000 JPY	0 JPY	420,000 JPY	630,000 JPY
Registration fee	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY	60,000 JPY
School fees	240,000 JPY	0 JPY	120,000 JPY	180,000 JPY
Total	1,340,000 JPY	260,000 JPY	800,000 JPY	1,070,000 JPY

* In addition, upon enrollment a payment of 19,000 JPY is required as a fee for the Gakuyu-kai Club Association.

* The admission fee and the Gakuyu-kai Club Association fee still need to be paid even when the tuition is exempted.

* From the second year, the tuition, registration fee, school fees, and laboratory fees will need to be paid.

* Please note that the amount for tuition and other fees may suffer changes.

FAQ

Q. My native language is English. Do I have to submit a score report of an English proficiency test for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts?

A. A score report of an English proficiency test is required for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts because students of the faculty are required to study abroad after enrolling.

Q. I don't have a passing grade of N2 level, but I really want to study in the undergraduate program.

A. Applicants who do not have Japanese language proficiency of JLPT N2 or higher, or a total score of 200 or above on EJU (Japanese as a foreign language), may take the entrance exam to the Soka University Bekka Preparatory Japanese Language Program. By enrolling in and completing the one-year program, you will be able to continue your studies in the undergraduate program based on the recommendation from the Bekka Preparatory Japanese Language Program. Please see the following website for details.

Bekka Preparatory Japanese Language Program:

<https://www.soka.ac.jp/admissions/department/foreign/admission-bekka>

Q. Is it possible to apply for Policy Type 2 at the same time?

A. Yes. Apply for Policy Type 2 as well online and submit the required documents. When applying, you may substitute some documents for Policy Type 2 with those submitted for the Policy Type 1 application. When submitting documents for the Policy Type 2 application, please enclose a note stating this effect.

(Example: As I also applied for Policy Type 1, the following documents have already been submitted.)

- High school transcript (original copy)
- Standardized examination score report (original copy)

Q. When applying for Policy Type 2 at the same time, do I need to pay the admission fee again?

A. No, you don't. When applying for the following at the same time, you can make more than one application by paying only once for the relevant year.

- Undergraduate Admissions for International Students Type 1 (Document Screening):
Application open between 9/15/2019-10/15/2019
- Undergraduate Admissions for International Students Type 2 (Exam and Interview):
Application open between 11/1/2019-11/15/2019
- Undergraduate English Medium Program Admissions for International Students:
Application open between 3/15/2019-4/15/2019
- Undergraduate Transfer Admission for International Students:
Application open between 8/1/2019-8/31/2019
- Bekka Preparatory Japanese Language Program:
Application open between 9/15/2019-10/15/2019

Q. Can I work part time?

A. If you will work part time with "Student Visa" residency status, you will need "permission to engage in an activity other than that permitted under the status of residence previously granted." The work hours after receiving permission are up to 28 hours per week (up to eight hours a day during the summer or winter vacation). Please beware that if you work part time without first receiving permission, you could be deported. Please see the below link for details.

<http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-8.html>

Q. Regarding the Statement of Financial Eligibility, as I don't have a father or mother, I cannot prove a parent-child relationship. If an uncle/aunt will pay for the expenses, what documents do I need to submit?

A. Go to your municipal office and have proof of relative relations with your aunt and uncle issued. For example, you can submit a certificate proving your relationship with your father and a certificate proving the relationship between your father and your uncle/aunt.

Q. Do you accept handwritten translations of the application documents?

A. Handwritten translations are not acceptable. Use word processing software to prepare the translation.

Q. Can my mother translate the application documents?

A. Yes. Be sure to state the name of the translator and the relationship between the translator and the applicant.