The Gallaudet-Nippon World Deaf Leadership (WDL) Scholarship makes it possible for deaf and hard of hearing leaders from developing nations to attend Gallaudet University. WDL aims to empower selected individuals through the knowledge, skills, positive attitude, and aspirations that a higher education brings so they can make significant contributions to their deaf community and nation. WDL is funded by the Nippon Foundation of Tokyo, Japan. Since the fund was established in 2003, 18 WDL Scholarships have been awarded.

The scholarship covers tuition, room, board, and medical insurance, and provides an annual stipend for expenses such as books, supplies, laundry service, personal products, and local transportation.

Additional support to the WDL Scholar includes mentorship from a Gallaudet professor and an internship in the scholar's home country during their Gallaudet education.

When WDL scholars graduate from Gallaudet, they must return home and work towards improving the lives of deaf people through education, advocacy, and partnering with different people and organizations so that together, they can change lives.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Prospective WDL Scholars:

- Do you want to earn a degree from Gallaudet University?
- Are you deaf or hard of hearing?
- Are you working with your deaf and civic communities to improve accessibility, education, and/or quality of life for deaf people in your home country?
- Do you have English writing and reading skills?
- * Are you a citizen of a developing country?

If you answered YES to all these questions, the WDL Scholarship is perfect for you!

* See current list of developing countries: https://www.gallaudet.edu/finance/student-financial-services/tuition-and-fees/eda-developing-countries-list-x69324