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JAPANESE ARMY YOUTH TROOPS

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the requirements for enlistment of boys
14 - 17 years of age in the Army.)

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ENTERING THE ARMY YOUTH TROOPS

AT 14 - WAR MINISTRY

The young men who have been fired with patriotism during the war and a desire to destroy our enemies America and England may now even in a day speedily fulfill this long-cherished hope. Hereafter a year will be dropped from the age at which applicants for the youth troops receive their examinations by the Army, making it 14 years. As soon as they graduate from the national schools (KOKUMIN GAKKO) they will become youth troops. Without delay their ability to render service will become an actuality.

At the same time the day for admitting youth troop applications has been postponed, and for the various youth troops it has now been placed at 30 June.

These years will be the decisive ones for the outcome of the Greater East Asia War. The issue of the fight for military power in this period holds the key to the outcome of the war. The young men whose blood beats hot with the devotion passed on to them by their ancestors for 3000 years are the backbone of the glorious Imperial Army. Theirs it is to dash on under the aegis of His Highness the Supreme Commander, to burn with the hope of excelling heroically in the first line of the country's defense. An amended outline table of student selection for the various army schools for 1943 follows on the next page.

Entering Army Air Youth Troops - Japanese youths whoever they are can apply; islanders or those from the mainlands are the noble fellows who make up the service.

Those whose age is over 14 on 1 April of the year for entering school and under 17 years are acceptable.

The educational requirements are completion of the elementary course in the national schools. But those who have not been rehabilitated after a decree in bankruptcy or have been sentenced to a penalty of imprisonment or over can not apply.

In addition those who can not reach the standards set in the following chart at the time of their physical examinations are ineligible; especially in the case of flying personnel, eyes are important, and so those whose sight in either eye is less than 0.6 and those who from near-sightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism can not see 0.8 with either eye when using 20 degree glasses are ineligible.

Those who can not reach this standard but whose health is fairly good, will be put in class B.

<u>Age</u> / <u>Physique</u>	<u>Height</u> (meters)	<u>Weight</u> (kilograms)	<u>Chest Measurements</u> (meters)
Over 14	1.35	32	0.66
Over 15	1.40	35	0.68
Over 16	1.45	37	0.71

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The procedure calls for submitting properly filled application forms by 31 October to the regimental district commander with jurisdiction over the place where examination is desired.

Those recruited so far enter school on 1 October 1943; the application inquiry office opens 1 April and closes 30 June. The qualifying birth period for receiving examinations is between 2 October 1926 and 1 October 1929.

If they pass, they will as honored students go to the TOKYO Army Air Preparatory School in TOKYO FU, KITATAMA GUN, MURAYAMA MURA, or to OTSU Army Air Preparatory School in OTSU SHI. They will undergo basic training at the preparatory air schools until they fly.

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OFFICER CANDIDATES					NCO CANDIDATES						
SCHOOL	Military Academy Preparatory School	Army Intendance School	Military Preparatory School	Army Ordnance School	Army Tank Preparatory School	Army Field Artillery School	Army Heavy Artillery School	Army Signal Preparatory School	CHIBA Army A/A School	Army Air Preparatory School	
PLACE	SAITAMA KEN, MAITA ADACHI GUN, ASAGA CHO	TOKYO FU, KITATAMA GUN, KODAIRA MURA	TOKYO, USHIGOME KU, TOGAWA CHO, HIROSEMA SHI, KI CHO, SENDAI SHI, TOMIZAWA, KUMAMOTO SHI, SHIMIZU CHO, AICHI KEN, HIGASHI KASUGAKI GUN, SHINOOKA MURA, OSAKA SHI, MINAMI KAWACHI GUN, NAGANO CHO	KANAGAWA KEN, KOZA GUN, AIMOBARA CHO, FUCHINO HEN	SHIZUOKA KEN, FUSI GUN, KAMIIJI MURA	CHIBA KEN, SHIGAI DORI	KANAGAWA KEN, URAGA CHO	TOKYO FU, KITATAMA GUN, HIGASHI MURAYAMA CHO	CHIBA KEN, CHIBA-SHI	TOKYO FU, KITATAMA GUN, MURAYAMA MURA, SHIBA KEN, OTSU SHI	
APPLICATION QUALIFICATIONS	AGE	Birth between 20 April 1924 and 1 Apr 1928		Birth between 2 Apr 29 & 1 Apr 31	Birth between 2 Apr 23 & 1 Apr 29	Birth between 2 April 1925 and 1 April 1929.				Birth between 2 Oct 26 & 1 Oct 29	
	SCHOOLING	General rule - completion of 1st term of 4th yr. of middle school		General rule - completion of 2nd term of 1st yr of middle school	Completion of national school advanced course				Completion of national school elementary course		
	STUDIES	NOT TO BE ASKED									
	THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE	Married men		Those not rehabilitated after decree in bankruptcy		Sentenced to penalty of impris't. or over			People of bad conduct		

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE		PERIOD	From 1 Apr 1943 to 15 May 1943	From 1 Jun 43 to 10 Aug 43	From 1 March 1943 to 30 March 1943			From 1 Apr 43 to 30 Jun 43
		DELIVERY OF FORM	Inspector- ate Gen'l. of Mil. Training Reg'tal. Dist. HQ. Mil. Acad. Prep. School, Mil. Prep. School	Reg'tal. Dist. HQ Army Intend. School	Inspector- ate Gen'l. Mil. Train- ing. Reg'tal. Dist. HQ Mil. Acad. Prep. School	Army Ord. School Ord. Admin. HQ Reg'tal. Dist. HQ	Inspectorate Gen'l. of Mil. Training Army Mechanized HQ Army Tank Prep. School Army Signal Prep. School Army Field Art'y. School Army Heavy Art'y. School	CHIBA Army A/A School Reg'tal. Dist. HQ
PLACE TO SUBMIT FORM	Inspector Gen'l. of Mil. Training	CO of Army Intend. School	Inspector Gen'l. of Mil. Training	Reg'tal. District HQ - with jurisdiction over desired place of examination				
SELECTION TEST	PHYSICAL EXAM	Generally - day fixed between 20 Aug 43 and 19 Sep 43		Generally day fixed between 11 Nov 43 and 30 Nov 43	Day fixed by exam- ining of- ficer be- tween last 10 days of Aug 43 & 5 Sep	Day fixed by examining officer between middle 10 days of Aug 43 and 23 Aug 43		Day fixed by exam- ining officer between last 10 days of Jul 43 & 10 Aug
	COURSES	Japanese Composition Geology, Mathematics, History & Geography Science		Japanese History, Compo- sition, Geography Mathematics	Japanese Calculus Japanese History	Science		Japanese Calculus
	TIME	20 Sep 43 - for 3 days		1 Dec 43 for 3 da.	6 Sep 43 for 2 da.	24 Aug 43		11 Aug 43
ANNOUNCEMENT		About Jan 44		First part of Mar 44	About Oct 43			First part of Aug 43
ENTER SCHOOL		1 April 44		1 Dec 43			1 Oct 43	

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School	Mil. Grad. Prep. School	Army Intend. School	Army Ord. School
Applicant's Age	From NCO's on Active Reserve: Born after 2 April 1918 Cadre Officer Candidates, Pilot Officer Candidates, of Active Reserve Applicants: Born after 2 April 1919 (Excluding discharged soldiers and those who have not yet entered barracks after applying.)		Troops from Army Units: Born after 2 April 1920
Time to Apply	By 5 Apr 43		By 10 Jun 43
Place to Submit Application	To CO of home post		

2. "Regimental District HQ" here means Military Affairs Dept. in Korea, Formosa, Kwantung, Manchuria and China; in other overseas areas it means the unit HQ of the highest ranking officer in the area. "Regimental District Commander" means Military Affairs Dept. CO in Korea, Formosa, Kwantung, Manchuria, and China; in other overseas areas it means the highest ranking officer.