

2026 Nagasaki Peace Ceremony

Hibakusha Representative Recruitment Guidelines for the “Pledge for Peace”

1 Outline

Every August 9th, Nagasaki City holds the Nagasaki Peace Ceremony where the *hibakusha* deliver the “Pledge for Peace” speech. Through this speech, we aim to spread the message of abolishing nuclear weapons and realizing everlasting peace to the world based on the individual experiences of those who survived the atomic bombing in Nagasaki. Their experiences are extremely significant.

We are accepting applications in order to select one well-qualified *hibakusha* representative from a pool of diverse applicants.

2 Applicant Requirements

To apply to be a representative, you must meet all of the following requirements. You may nominate yourself or another individual.

- (1) Must be a survivor of the atomic bombing in Nagasaki (regardless of possession of an Atomic Bomb Survivor’s Handbook, current location of residence, or nationality).
- (2) Must have been involved in activities related to nuclear weapons’ abolition, the realization of everlasting world peace, the improvement of support for *hibakusha*, and passing down the experiences of the *hibakusha*. *The specific kind of activity or how long you have been involved in it does not matter.
- (3) Must be able to attend the Nagasaki Peace Ceremony on August 9th, 2026, as well as the rehearsals, and also must be able to read the “Pledge for Peace” out loud (can be read aloud in a signed or spoken foreign language).

3 How to Apply

(1) Necessary Documents

A) “Pledge for Peace” Representative Application (Form 1)
B) “My Experience of the Atomic Bombing, etc.” Document (Form 2) *Post-war experiences are acceptable so long as they relate to the atomic bombing. Please write up to 300 words.
C) “Thoughts for Peace” Document (Form 3) *Feelings that you wish to express during the “Pledge for Peace” speech on the day of the ceremony. Please write up to 300 words.
D) Documents detailing your experience in activities related to the items outlined in Section 2 “Applicant Requirements”, Item (2) above (Form 4)

***The forms necessary for application may be written in any language.**

***The recruitment guidelines and application can be downloaded from the “Peace • Atomic Bomb” section of the Nagasaki City website.**

<https://www.city.nagasaki.lg.jp/heiwa/index.html>

***If you have applied before and require copies of the documents you submitted, please contact the point of contact outlined in Item (5) “Inquires”.**

***A family member or friend may write for you.**

(2) Documents for Submission

One of each form

(3) How to Submit

Please submit through one of the following options:

A) Direct submission	13F, 4-1 Uono-machi, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture 850-8685 Research Division, Atomic Bomb Survivor Affairs Department, Nagasaki City Hall Reception Hours: Weekdays from 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
B) Post	Send to the address in Option A.
C) Fax	Fax to 095-829-1148

(4) Recruitment Period

February 2nd (Mon.), 2026 until March 31st (Tues.), 2026

***Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than March 31st, 2026.**

(5) Inquiries

Research Division, Atomic Bomb Survivor Affairs Department, Nagasaki City Hall

TEL: 095-829-1147, E-mail address: chousa@city.nagasaki.lg.jp

4 Review

Based on documents received, Nagasaki City will host the “Peace Ceremony ‘Pledge for Peace’ Representative Selection Review Committee”, consisting of experts that will review the applications.

After the Review Committee narrows down the applicants to a few candidates, those who advanced to the final stage of the review will be asked to write a speech of around five minutes based on your submitted documents: “My Experience of the Atomic Bombing, etc.” (Form 2) and “Thoughts for Peace” (Form 3). These candidates will then be filmed reciting their speeches by the secretariat. These videos will be used to determine the final representative.

5 Schedule (Tentative)

Timeline from recruitment until the Peace Ceremony

Recruitment/ Selection	Recruitment Period	February 2 nd (Mon.), 2026 to March 31 st (Tues.), 2026
	Review Period	From April until the end of May, 2026
After Deciding on the Representative/ Ceremony	Making the Draft	After deciding on the Representative until the end of June, 2026
	Peace Ceremony Rehearsal	August 7 th (Fri.), 2026 (Tentative)
	Peace Ceremony	August 9 th (Sun.), 2026 Venue: Matsuyama-machi, Nagasaki City (Peace Park, in front of the Peace Statue)

*The person selected to be the representative will be asked to write a “Pledge for Peace” speech based on their script they delivered for the final selection process.

6 Notes

- Nagasaki City will pay for travel and lodging expenses based on the city’s provisions so that the selected representative can attend the Peace Ceremony. (This may differ from the actual amount paid.)
- The video of the “Pledge for Peace” from last year’s Peace Ceremony can be viewed on Nagasaki City’s website at the “Nagasaki Peace Ceremony” article under the “Peace • Atomic Bomb” section.

Application Date: _____ / _____ / _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Application Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 31st, 2026**“Pledge for Peace” Representative Application**

(Furigana) Name	()			
Date of Birth	____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Age when you were victim to an atomic bomb: _____ years old)			
Address				
Phone Number (Mobile No., etc.)	*Please write the best phone number to reach the applicant.			
Location Where You Were Victim to an Atomic Bomb				
Organization Name (Please only fill in if you belong to an organization.)				
Reason/Motive for Applying				
Confirmation of Applicant Requirements (Please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes after confirming your eligibility)	You must meet all of the following requirements:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I am a survivor of the atomic bombing in Nagasaki. *Regardless of Atomic Bomb Survivor's Handbook possession, current location of residence, or nationality.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I have been involved in activities related to nuclear weapons' abolition, the realization of everlasting world peace, the improvement of support for <i>hibakusha</i> , and passing down the experiences of the <i>hibakusha</i> . *Regardless of specific kind of activities or how long you have been involved in said activities.		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	I am able to attend the Peace Ceremony and I will be able to read the “Pledge for Peace” out loud (can be read aloud in a signed or spoken foreign language).		
Nominator Information (do not fill out if self-nominated)	Name		Phone Number	
	Address			
	Reason for Nomination			
Applicant Survey	Where did you hear about the recruiting for this year's Representative? Please circle all applicable responses.			
	1. Television/Radio 2. Newspaper 3. Poster/Pamphlet 4. Nagasaki City's Website 5. From the City's Public Relations Magazine 6. From an organization you are a member of 7. Other (Specify: _____)			

Form 2

Please write around 300 words describing “My Experience of the Atomic Bombing, etc.”

(Post-war experiences are acceptable so long as they relate to the atomic bombing.)

*You may also write on a separate sheet of paper, or on your computer.

*A family member or friend may write for you.

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Form 3

Please write around 300 words about your “Thoughts for Peace”
(Feelings that you wish to express during the “Pledge for Peace” on the day of the Peace Ceremony).
*You may also write on a separate sheet of paper, or on your computer.
*A family member or friend may write for you.

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Form 4

Please write about your history of activities related to nuclear weapons' abolition, the realization of everlasting world peace, the improvement of support for *hibakusha*, passing down the experiences of *hibakusha*, etc.

*A family member or friend may write for you.

1 Organizations (Please list any organizations related to peace and/or *hibakusha* that you have belonged to.)

2 Activities (Atomic Bombing Experience Lectures, Lecture Meetings, etc. Please list anything relevant, whether it be through an organization or on your own.)

3 Commendations (Related to the Atomic Bombing and/or Peace)

4 Other (If there are any activities or achievements you have accomplished that do not fit the above, please list them here.)

Form 4

Please write about your history of activities related to nuclear weapons' abolition, the realization of everlasting world peace, the improvement of support for *hibakusha*, passing down the experiences of *hibakusha*, etc.

*A family member or friend may write for you.

1 Organizations (Please list any organizations related to peace and/or *hibakusha* that you have belonged to.)

MM/YYYY–Present Belonged to X Organization (*Hibakusha* Organization), did..., etc.

MM/YYYY–Present President of Y Organization, did... activities, etc.

MM/YYYY–MM/YYYY Committee Member of Z Organization, did..., etc.

2 Activities (Atomic Bombing Experience Lectures, Lecture Meetings, etc. Please list anything relevant whether it be through an organization or on your own.)

MM/YYYY–Present Carried out projects at X Organization, such as Atomic Bombing Experience Lectures (have held x lectures up until now), and teach the reality of the bombing and the importance of peace to elementary school students in the city and students on field trips.

MM/YYYY–MM/YYYY Carried out projects at Y Organization,... have implemented a counseling service where we have provided support for *hibakusha* for their physical and mental health, and their everyday lives.

MM/YYYY–MM/YYYY Carried out projects at Z Organization,... and worked on promoting the health and welfare of *hibakusha*.

MM/YYYY–MM/YYYY Carried out projects at A Organization,... and worked on supporting *hibakusha*.

MM/YYYY Presented a lecture at a meeting to tell the reality of the bombing.

MM/YYYY Wrote the book, "XX,"... and expressed the reality of the bombing and the importance of peace.

MM/YYYY Wrote articles for "YY (magazine, newspaper, etc.)" about... and expressed...

3 Commendations (Related to the Atomic Bombing and/or Peace)

MM/YYYY Received... for...

MM/YYYY Received... for...

4 Other (If there are any activities or achievements you have accomplished that do not fit the above, please list them here.)

Example: Experience as a committee member of a conference related to peace, the atomic bombing, etc. of your local organization

YYYY–YYYY As the president of X Conference, with the aim of... did..., etc.

YYYY–YYYY As a committee member of Y Review Committee, with the aim of... did..., etc.