



Sister City Association Student Exchange with ANJO, JAPAN



APPLICATION for SUMMER 2017 EXCHANGE

Eligibility

Any entering 9-11th grade high school student who resides in Huntington Beach **or** attends a Huntington Beach Union High School District school. Consideration is given to qualities such as self-assurance, maturity, host responsibility and an interest in learning about a foreign country.

Anticipated dates

Four students will be selected for a two-week reciprocal home stay. Japanese students visit Huntington Beach in late June-early July and our ambassadors travel to Japan for two weeks in late July-early August.

Objective

The program strives to provide an opportunity for our students and families to develop an understanding and long-lasting friendship with citizens of Japan through a reciprocal family living experience.

Sponsor

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach is a nonprofit organization, which in addition to conducting the youth exchange, entertains foreign visitors and maintains an ongoing art exchange. We encourage and assist in developing personal relationships with the citizens of Anjo. The organization is composed of volunteers and operates under the Community Services Department of the City of Huntington Beach.

Financial responsibilities

Expected transportation costs: \$1300-\$1500

Cost of hosting a student + incidentals: \$600

WHAT YOU WILL HAVE TO DO

Discuss this opportunity with your parents.

Completely fill out the two-page application and include:

1. One passport/school photo.
2. Personal statement. In a typewritten statement, on a separate sheet, please tell us about yourself. Some topics you may want to include are:
 - ✓ Your personality; how you see yourself.
 - ✓ Your interests; what is important to you.
 - ✓ Your relationship with members of your family and your friends.
 - ✓ What you hope to gain from the exchange experience.
 - ✓ Plans for your future.
3. Statement by parent or guardian. In a typewritten statement of approximately 100 words, on a separate sheet, please describe your son/daughter. Acknowledge your willingness to host an exchange student for two weeks and have an adult available for the activities.
4. Two letters of recommendation. Ask present or former school faculty members or other adults who know you well to mail a brief letter of recommendation to the address below.
5. Nonrefundable application fee of \$35, payable to Sister City Association of Huntington Beach.

Mail completed application to:

Carmen Erber
17301 Wild Rose Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Questions? gerber@socal.rr.com
714-846-7685

APPLICATION DEADLINE – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

You will be notified of the date of a personal interview for you and a parent(s) in early December, 2016.



Attach a
recent photo
here

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____
First _____ Last _____ Middle _____

ADDRESS _____
Number _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

PHONE () _____ CELL _____ E-Mail _____

BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

SCHOOL _____
Name _____ Grade Level _____ Length of Huntington Beach Residence _____

MOTHER: _____ FATHER: _____ PARENTS: _____ I LIVE WITH:
Living _____ Deceased _____ Living _____ Deceased _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____
Mother _____ Father _____
Stepmother _____ Stepfather _____
Guardian other than parent _____

FATHER _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Cell Phone _____

OCCUPATION _____
Position _____ Employer _____

MOTHER _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Cell Phone _____

OCCUPATION _____
Position _____ Employer _____

Either parent's home address (if different from yours)

Stepparent/Legal Guardian _____
Family Name _____ First Name _____ Cell Phone _____

OCCUPATION _____
Position _____ Employer _____

BROTHERS _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
SISTERS _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____

In what school, church or community activities do you participate?

What are your hobbies and interests? _____

What are your current plans or commitments for next summer: vacations, work, camps, summer school...?

What are your plans for the future (education and career)? _____

What foreign languages have you studied? _____ For how long? _____

Have you ever applied to participate in this or a similar program before?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any friends or family living in Japan?

Yes _____ No _____

Has your family ever hosted a foreign exchange student?

Yes _____ No _____

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain below.

READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

I understand that, if chosen, I shall abide by all rules of responsible conduct expected of me. I shall live in Huntington Beach for the next year, will be in town during the 2 weeks of the June/July visit, and will participate in the planned activities. I am free to travel to Japan in late July/early August for a 2-week stay.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Application deadline: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Parent Authorization

The Board of Directors of the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach has established the following rules and responsibilities for host parents and student ambassadors participating in the Sister City Student Exchange Program.

- Host students are to be with their guest 24 hours per day every day during the visit. Exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors. **Extensive obligations (i.e., summer school, camps, part or full time jobs, etc.) are not permitted during the Student Visitors' stay.**
- Student visitors are to be supervised by adults at all times (chaperones or host parents).
- Student visitors are not permitted to ride with any driver under the age of 18.
- Student visitors are not permitted to travel more than 100 miles from Huntington Beach.
- Each host family will be responsible for planning and hosting one group activity.
- Ambassadors and their families are expected to help with March Cherry Blossom Festival
- Host parents may need to host a student of either sex.

Host families must be prepared to show proof of homeowners, liability, and auto insurance.

Once the exchange has begun, if your student is unable to fulfill his or her obligation, you will be responsible for reimbursing the Association \$200 to cover the costs of finding another student and host family.

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I have read and understand the above information and by signing this document I give my permission for my child to be considered as a participant in the Sister City Student Exchange Program.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE