



**Sister City Association
Student Exchange
with
ANJO, JAPAN**



APPLICATION for SUMMER 2018 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 for two weeks 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-\$1600

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 20, 2017

You will be notified of the date of a personal interview for you and your parents in early December, 2017.



Attach 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 _____ Living _____ Separated _____ Mother _____ Father _____
Deceased _____ Deceased _____ Divorced _____ Stepmother _____ Stepfather _____
Guardian other than parent _____

FATHER _____
Last Name First Name Cell Phone e-mail

OCCUPATION _____
Position Employer

MOTHER _____
Last Name First Name Cell Phone e-mail

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

SISTERS

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____ 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 either live in Huntington Beach for the next year or will attend a HBUHSD School.

- I will be in town during the 2 weeks of the June/July visit.
- I 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: Monday, November 20, 2017

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 supervising one group activity.
- **Ambassadors and their families are expected to volunteer at both the March, 2018 and the March, 2019 Cherry Blossom Festivals.**
- 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.
- **I agree to submit to fingerprinting and background check as required by the City of Huntington Beach of any adult overseeing children.**

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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

CONFIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC INQUIRY

Student's name _____

To Whom It May Concern: The above person has applied to represent the Huntington Beach Sister City Association as a student ambassador. This position requires a person with good character and citizenship. All applicants must undergo a background investigation and examination before they can be considered for affiliation.

In the application, it was stated that the applicant attends your school.

Your verification of these facts and other information furnished will be treated confidentially.

I hereby authorize the appropriate officials of my high school to furnish any and all such information which may concern my academic record and character, and release all school officials whomsoever of any charge because of furnishing said information.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SCHOLASTIC INQUIRY

Is the applicant currently enrolled in your school? Yes _____ No _____

Did he/she receive any failing grades? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what subjects? _____

Was he/she a disciplinary problem? Yes _____ No _____

In what extra-curricular activities did he/she engage?

Did he/she have any trouble with law enforcement agencies? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which department and for what reason?

Additional remarks: _____

Form completed by: _____ Title _____

Please attach a copy of current transcript.