



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



**APPLICATION for SUMMER 2017 EXCHANGE**

**Eligibility**

Any entering 9-11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ 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 SISTERS  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

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What are your hobbies and interests? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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What foreign languages have you studied? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE