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 Questions? gerber@socal.rr.com
17301 Wild Rose Lane 714-846-7685
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

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.
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
Name _________________________ Age _______ Name _________________________ Age ______
Name _________________________ Age _______ Name _________________________ Age ______
Name _________________________ Age _______ Name _________________________ Age ______

SISTERS

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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.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Application deadline: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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**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.

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

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