

**SANTA ROSA KAGOSHIMA
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
SRKSEP**

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July 8 - August 4, 2019 (TENTATIVE schedule)

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2019

1. Name: _____
First *Middle* *Last*

2. Permanent Address: _____
Street *City* *Zip*

3. Telephone: () _____ Email: _____
Parents Email: _____

4. Sex: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

5. School: _____
Current GPA: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Please provide your student transcript with Application.

6. Foreign languages studied and how long for each: _____

7. Valid U.S. Passport? _____ Resident Status: _____

8. List School / Church / Community Activities in which you participate: _____

Hobbies: _____

Work Experience: _____

Travel Experience: _____

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

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Last Name: _____

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10. Father's or legal guardian's full name:

First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

11. Mother's or legal guardian's full name:

First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

12. Ages of Brothers: ____/____/____/____/____ Ages of Sisters: ____/____/____/____/____

13. Do you have any health problems? If so, please explain: _____

14. Can you tolerate high temperatures (90+ degrees) and humidity for one month... (general health)?

15. Any special dietary needs? If so, please explain: _____

16. Any allergies? If so, please explain: _____

17. Any special medication required? If so, please explain: _____

18. References (Teachers, ministers, organization leaders, etc.)

Name *Affiliation* *Phone*

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READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I understand that if chosen, I agree to participate in SRKSEP activities including the following:

1. Follow all the rules of responsible conduct throughout the trip. I further understand that I will be acting as an ambassador of my country, and I will respect cultural differences of my Japanese hosts.
2. Abide by the directions of chaperons, both American and Japanese.
3. Attend all orientation sessions prior to my departure.
4. I will comply with the group itinerary.
5. Prepare a written report upon return and be willing to give talks and make community appearances following my return from Kagoshima, Japan.
6. **Agree to host a Japanese student the following summer (2020).**

Signature of Applicant

Date

My son/daughter has my permission to apply for, and participate in the Santa Rosa-Kagoshima Student Exchange Program (SRKSEP). As the applicant's parent or guardian, I hereby agree to authorize the host family and/or group leader to act on my behalf in any emergency, accident, or illness which may occur during the course of the trip in the event that my son/daughter is selected for the Student Exchange Program.

I understand that I will be EXPECTED to provide a reciprocal homestay for a Japanese student in the summer of 2020 (tentative dates 8/2 - 8/15, 2020)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

APPLICANT:

In a separate, typewritten statement of approximately 500 words, please:

1. Describe yourself and members of your family
2. Explain: "Why I would like to be selected to go to Japan".
3. Explain: "How I would share my Japanese experience after returning to Sonoma County".
4. If you were given an opportunity to experience various aspects of Japanese culture, what might most interest you? (For example: kendo, Ikebana, origami, shodo, agriculture, cooking, sado, canoeing, camping, mountain climbing, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Student and parents should be Sonoma County Residents.
2. Student must be between 15 and 20 years old at the time of trip.
3. Student must be at least a high school Sophomore as of September, 2019.
4. Student must have maintained a respectable level of achievement in both academic and extra-curricular activities.

SRKSEP RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide financial subsidy to each student.
2. Provide all orientation sessions.
3. Provide program itinerary.
4. Provide travel arrangements with bilingual guide.
5. Provide homestay arrangements.
6. Provide chaperone.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Complete and return application by March 15, 2019. Included with application should be:
Two letters of recommendation.
Short written essay of about 500 words.
Provide school transcripts.
2. Pass a brief selection interview.
3. Attend all orientation seminars. These will be brief introductions to Japan's geography, history language, and Kagoshima prefecture. Due to the importance of this orientation series, attendance is MANDATORY, and failure to attend may result in student's dismissal from the program. Three or four seminars will be scheduled, time and place to be announced later.
4. It is suggested that the student keep a journal during the entire trip.
5. Be prepared to speak at various functions in Japan.
6. Prepare a written report upon return and be willing to give talks and make community appearances.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. \$ 4,000 cost per student (Tentative - actual budget in May/June upon finalization of itinerary)
2. Provide reciprocal homestay for a Japanese student in the summer of 2020.
3. Passport for student.
4. Pocket money for student \$500.00 minimum.
5. Health Insurance for student.
6. Travel Insurance for student.
7. Gifts for the host family.
8. Attend ALL meetings and orientations.
9. Participate in planning SRKSEP 2020.

**If any questions, please contact SHAUNA LORENZEN
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