

INVITATION PROGRAM FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS
(August 2024)
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Sponsored by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Purpose of This Program: Provide Japanese American students with an opportunity to learn about various aspects of Japan (politics, economy, society, history, culture, language, etc.).
Promote mutual understanding and exchange between the Japanese people and young Japanese Americans.

Period: From August 19 to 27, 2024

Number of Participants: 3

Qualification:

1. Japanese American high school students (grades 9-12)
*High school students who will graduate in 2024 are still eligible to apply.
**Individuals with a multi racial background are encouraged to apply.
2. Individuals who have a strong interest in developing Japan-U.S. relations, and exchanges between Japan and the Japanese American community.
3. Individuals who hold American Nationality and who do not hold Japanese Nationality
4. Individuals who live in the U.S.
5. Individuals who have not participated in a program sponsored by the Japanese government.

Conditions:

1. Participants are required to attend every event in the trip and be physically capable of keeping up with a busy program.
2. Participants are required to hold a valid passport during the trip, or get or renew a valid passport by June 30.
3. Family members are not permitted to accompany participants during the trip.
4. Participants are not permitted to extend their stay in Japan.

Provisional Itinerary:

August 19	Departure from the U.S.
August 20	Arrival at Japan
August 20 to 27	Stay in Japan
August 27	Departure from Japan and Arrival at the U.S.

During the stay, participants will visit Tokyo and a regional city, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and participate in a homestay (2 nights) exchange with young Japanese people.

Expenses to be Covered: Round-trip airfare (Economy class) between US-Japan (Airport Tax, Fuel surcharge included), Transportation fees within Japan, Hotel and meals, Admission for facilities, and Insurance.

Expenses NOT to be Covered: Passport issuance fee, Transportation fees between your home and its nearest airport, communication expenses, expenses of the mini bar and other hotel services, expenses of anything used for your private purpose.

Applicants should submit the **application form** to the Embassy of Japan or the Consulate General of Japan of your region.

Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia residents should submit the application form to the **Embassy of Japan**.

For any inquiry, please contact Management and Coordination of the Embassy of Japan (Tel: 202-238-6848 or Email: mcreception@ws.mofa.go.jp). The deadline for submission of the application form to the Embassy of Japan (Email: mcreception@ws.mofa.go.jp) is **Monday, June 10, 2024**.