

**Miyoshi City, Japan Summer Trip
Student Application Form (Page 1 of 2)**

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Phone: _____ (cell)

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Phone: _____ (cell)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Student Email Address: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

For almost 28 years the Sumter County Schools has been involved in a cultural exchange between Americus and its sister city, Miyoshi City, Japan. This past August, Sumter County Schools hosted a delegation of Japanese students and dignitaries to experience the United States culture and the hospitality of Southwest Georgia. Sumter County Schools' students now have the opportunity to travel to Japan to experience the Japanese culture and history.

Students interested in attending the trip must complete the student application form (page 1 of 2) and questionnaire (page 2 of 2) and return it the Front Office by December 14, 2018 in order to be considered for the trip. There will only be a limited number of students selected from Furlow Charter School. The following criteria will be used to select students for the trip:

- 1) The student must be making academic progress towards graduation, have no behavioral incidents, and have no more than 5 absences for the current school year.
- 2) The student must obtain a United States Passport book, at their own expense, by Feb 15, 2019.
- 3) The student must participate in Japanese cultural and etiquette classes and meetings to discuss travel details offered by Sumter County Schools.
- 4) The student/family, at their own expense, must pay \$300 dollars towards the travel expense of the trip by March 22, 2019 and purchase two travel t-shirts specifically designed for participants.
- 5) The student must attend writing and play acting sessions offered by Sumter County Schools prior to the trip as well as after the trip. (if applicable)
- 6) Parents of the participant must be willing to serve as a homestay family host for two Japanese students during their August 2019 visit to Americus, Ga.
- 7) Complete and submit required documents in a timely manner along with other trip related requests as applicable.

*** REQUIREMENT: Parent Signature and attached student responses to the Application Questionnaire.**

I give permission for my child to submit an application and agree to the requirements stated above with my child's application if he/she is selected to participate in this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Application Questionnaire (Page 2 of 2)

Please provide a response to the following questions on a separate piece of paper (typed or printed) and attach this page to your submission. Responses do not have to be long but should contain all of the necessary details to express your thoughts completely. Be sure to response to each component of the questions.

1. Have you been a participant in the travel to Japan? ___ Yes ___ No If so, what year? _____
2. Has your family served as a homestay family for the Japan Sister-City delegation? ___ Yes ___ No If so, what year(s)? _____
3. Do you have a current passport? ___ Yes ___ No If so, when does it expire? _____
4. Have you ever flown on an airplane? ___ Yes ___ No If so, Where did you go? _____
5. Have you had any leadership roles at your current school? ___ Yes ___ No If so, list the role and the responsibility of the role below.

Responses do not have to be long but should contain all of the necessary details to express your thoughts completely for questions 6-12 on a separate sheet of paper. You may type or print the responses to each question. All questions are expected to have a response.

6. Describe what you know about Japan and what aspects of the Japanese culture and history interests you?
7. What parts of the Japanese culture that you would like to experience? Why?
8. Why do you think that you would be the best candidate to be selected to go to Japan?
9. What is one part of the American culture that you would like to share with the Japanese?
10. If selected, what do you hope to gain from that experience?
11. In Japan, participants would stay with a host family. (A) What are your goals for staying with a host family? (B) What are some things you would like to do with your host family? (C) What is something you can do to show your host family that you respect them?
12. Upon returning how you will share this experience with your family, friends, and with the Sumter County community.