

San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association 2019 High School Student Ambassador Program

The San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association is proud to offer an opportunity of a lifetime to two high school students in San Francisco through our annual *High School Student Ambassador Program*. This program is funded with the support of benefactors Union Bank and Yorozu Law Group; individual sponsors and corporate members in the Bay Area; as well as many family and individual members.

PURPOSE: To enable two San Francisco high school students to gain an understanding of the people and culture of Japan through the practical experience of living with Japanese families in our sister city of Osaka, Japan, and to serve as **Student Ambassadors** for the city of San Francisco.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be a high school student (9th, 10th, or 11th grade student) in the September 2018-June 2019 school year, either residing in and/or attending a public or private high school in San Francisco. *Unfortunately, due to some post-trip obligations that could only be fulfilled with their participation in the activities planned in San Francisco in the Fall of 2019, no graduating seniors (Class of 2019) are eligible to apply.*

There are no language requirements to apply; however, it is highly preferred that the student has a basic knowledge of conversational Japanese. Successful applicants must conduct him/herself appropriately as Student Ambassadors while in Japan.

A "**Student Ambassador**" is expected to perform the following duties:

- Holding the position of **Student Ambassador** for a period of one year,
- Being a role model and leader, maintaining respectful and professional character at all times,
- Serving as a spokesperson & promoting awareness of the sister city relationship and the **Student Ambassador Program** through participation in events and activities around the Bay Area, and
- Coordinating activities not only on behalf of the SF-Osaka Sister City Association, but also in collaboration/partnership with other organizations.

Mandatory requirements include participating in:

- Orientation & a send-off luncheon prior to trip,
- Events and activities arranged while in Osaka,
- Post-Trip Oral Presentation,
- Orientation for the following year's **Student Ambassadors**, and
- A minimum of 10 service hours (or 2-3 events) for the year.

AWARDS: Two students will be awarded round-trip tickets to Osaka. The students will be guests of host families in Osaka and will participate in family-oriented activities during their stay. The two chosen students and their families will also be awarded free membership to the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association for one year.

DATES: Duration of three weeks, scheduled for mid-July to early August.

APPLICATION: Submit a completed application form with a parent/guardian's signature and an essay on the topic:

If you could be any person from Japanese history, who would you be and why?

The essay must be no more than 500 words and double-spaced with the name of the applicant and school clearly indicated on all pages.

Please either type or use ink pen (not pencil) to fill out the application form. Scan* and email your application package to: sfosakasistercityassociation@gmail.com.

* Please scan using a scanner at your school or an app on your smartphone such as *Scannable* or *ScannerPro* which converts the image into a PDF-format. "Photos" of your application pages will not be accepted. Additionally, please "compress" your files so that you can send in ONE zipped file with your full name as the name of the file. If you have any questions, please email the Program Chair, Miho Armacost (Mrs.) at flymihoe@wwdb.org with a copy to Executive Director, Misako Sack at msack@mofo.com.

All applications *must be received* by **midnight on Saturday, May 11**. Receipt confirmation will be sent by email; if you do not hear from us, please email the Program Chair and Executive Director to ensure our receipt of your application. Late applications will *NOT* be considered.

Those who are selected for the interview will be contacted about their scheduled interview via email; all interviews will be scheduled on the week of May 13th. The two final scholarship winners will be announced a few days following the interview.

For more information, please contact Miho Armacost at flymihoe@wwdb.org.

**2019 High School Student Ambassador
Application Form**

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

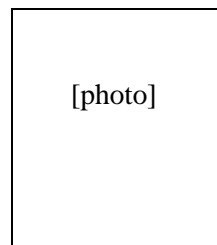
E-mail address: _____

Home Tel. #: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____

Have you ever been to Japan? (Y / N) If Yes, when and for how long? _____

Have you ever lived overseas? (Y / N) If Yes, where and when? _____



Educational Information:

Name of School: _____

Grade in the current school year (Sept. 2018-June 2019) (circle one): [9th / 10th / 11th]

Current GPA: _____

Please provide the names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of two teachers for reference:

1. _____

2. _____

Extra-curricular Activities:

Honors, Achievements, Scholarships and Awards:

Hobbies and Outside Interests:

Foreign Language(s) and Fluency/Years of Studies (knowledge of Japanese, while helpful, is not required):

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Consent of Parent or Legal Guardian for the Applicant

- Please have your child read and sign as well -

I, the parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby consent to his/her entry and participation in the San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association's ("Association") High School Student Ambassador Program. I grant permission to the Association to use my child's name, background, and photo for media publicity purposes without compensation. I further understand that the round-trip tickets to Osaka, Japan, will be provided for my child by the Association prior to the trip.

As my child will be living with host families, she/he will have no living expenses. My child will accept the generosity and hospitality extended by each volunteering host family with graciousness and respect, and will not expect or demand any other obligations, financial or otherwise, outside of providing lodging and meals for my child during the duration of his/her stay. As a student ambassador to Japan, my child will attend all functions and events planned for them by the City and volunteers of Osaka and/or host families during his/her stay.

Furthermore, upon my child's return to San Francisco, my family will (1) reciprocate Osaka City and people's generosity and agree to host an exchange student from Osaka at my house or take him/her on a day of activities in San Francisco, depending on my family's availability; and (2) be awarded free membership to the Association for one year and will actively participate in programs to promote friendship and goodwill between San Francisco and Osaka.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Parent's Email address: _____