



CHAPERONE LEADER APPLICATION

Edmonds Sister City Commission

July 2020 Student Exchange Trip to Japan



Thank you for your interest in chaperoning a Sister City Student Exchange.

Please submit this application by Friday, January 24, 2020.

Edmonds Sister City Commission
Office of the Mayor
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Edmonds, WA 98020
425.771.0247

It should be accompanied by:

a brief letter discussing

- the qualifications motivations and experiences you bring to this venture;
- your ability and experience organizing and leading 14 to 18 year old students;
- your expectations for leading this trip; and
- **a recommendation** from a supervisor, principal, or peer concerning your qualifications.

Chaperone travel and homestay arrangements will be provided. Teachers or school administrators are preferred applicants.

Chaperone responsibilities:

- interview students applying for the exchange;
- plan five-six 1 ½ hour student orientations (assisted by Sister City Commissioners);
- attend a one night fundraiser in May;
- lead the trip to Hekinan;
- present at an Edmonds City Council meeting following the trip; and
- assist with an orientation meeting for the following year's group.

Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the application deadline date. Candidate selection is subject to Washington State Patrol and/or other background checks.

Exchange program background information and a sample itinerary

The Edmonds School District does not sponsor or endorse the activity and/or information contained in this material.



of a typical Hekinan student exchange trip are attached.



STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH HEKINAN, JAPAN Background Information

The Sister City Commission of the City of Edmonds arranges an annual student exchange to Hekinan, Japan. Since cultural understanding is so central to the Sister City program, this has proven to be the most valuable activity that we undertake. The delegation to Hekinan consists of up to 10 students, ages 14-18, and their chaperones. They spend the last two weeks of July in Hekinan. Student cost for the trip ranges between \$1,600 and \$2,200, dependent upon the cost of airfare. Chaperone travel and lodging is provided.

This exchange is based on homestays for both Edmonds and Hekinan delegates allowing a high level of immersion for a low cost. (Chaperones are not required to host but may do so if they desire.) Hekinan has been our Sister City since 1988 and their officials have enthusiastically embraced the relationship. Our delegates are treated like visiting dignitaries and shown many courtesies. The program offers opportunities for personal growth and expanded perspective unmatched in an academic setting.

Hekinan is about 30 miles south of Nagoya (home of the 2005 World's Fair) and is located on Mikawa bay. The city has a population of approximately 80,000 and is a major port for the export of Toyota automobiles that are manufactured in the area. Hekinan is also noted as a fishing port and for the manufacture of ceramics and roof tiles that are an ever-present feature of the Japanese landscape. Nagoya is the third largest city in Japan and is ideally situated for the tourist to reach other major historic sites such as Nara and Kyoto. The Ise Shrine, one of the most sacred sites in all of Japan, is also nearby. Hekinan officials arrange for the Edmonds delegation to visit and enjoy these sites and many others during their stay.

Students from Hekinan will travel to Edmonds for two weeks in early August and stay with families of the student delegates. The Sister City Commission arranges day trips and outings for the Japanese delegation to enjoy while they are in the U.S. Edmonds students and chaperones will have opportunities to join in these activities and help make the Hekinan delegation's stay memorable.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY		TIME	DETAILS
Day1	20-Jul (Thu)	18:15	Arrive at Centrair Airport ※ You can change money at the airport ※ A city bus will pick the delegation up at the airport
		20:00	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall ※ Picked up by host families
Day2	21-Jul(Fri)	9:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall Leave City Hall
		9:15	Rinsenji-Temple(~ 11: 00) Experience of Zazen (※ Don't wear skirt)
		11:00	TATSUKICHI FUJII Museum of Contemporary Art
		12:00	Lunch (~ 13 : 00)
		13:00	Chubu Thermal Power Station(~ 15 : 15)
		15:00	Visit the AOI-Park
		17:00	Arrive at Hekinan Cultural Hall
		18:30	Welcome Party!
		20:30	Finish and clean up room, go home with host families
Day3	22-Jul(Sat)		Free day with your host family
Day4	23-Jul(Sun)		Free day with your host family
Day5	24-Jul(Mon)	8:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall ※ Kyoto Day Trip ※ Hekinan Students will join
			Lunch Dinner
		20:00	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall
Day6	25/Jul(Tue)	9:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall
		9:30	Meet Mayor Negita
		10:30	HEKINAN SEASIDE AQUARIUM
		11:50	Lunch
		13:30	Hekinan High School (Club activity trial)
	17:00	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall	
Day7	26-Jul (Wed)	8:15	Meet at Hekinan City Hall
		9:00	Okazaki Castle and The Ieyasu and Mikawa Bushi Museum
		11:00	Lunch
		13:00	TOYOTA Exhibition Hall & Factory (~ 15 : 00)
		16:30	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall
Day8	27-Jul(Thu)	9:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall
		9:15	East Asian Calligraphy experience at Hekinan Cultural Hall ※ Please wear clothes that you don't care if they get dirty
		12:00	Lunch
		13:15	Mugaen (Green tea ceremony etc.)
		16:30	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall
Day9	28-Jul(Fri)	9:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall
		10:00	Tour through Tokoname City
		11:30	Pottery-Making Experience
		13:00	Lunch & Shopping at AEON MALL Tokoname
		17:00	Arrive at Hekinan City Hall
Day10	29-Jul(Sat)	14:00	Meet at Hekinan City Hall
		15:30	Join Genkiss Hekinan Dance
		18:30	Finish, picked up by host families
Day11	30-Jul(Sun)		Free day with your host family
Day12	31-Jul(Mon)	12:00	Preparation for farewell party at Aikuru
		18:30	Farewell Party
		20:30	Finish and clean up room, go home with host families
Day13	1-Aug(Tue)		【Departure Day】
		13:15	Meet at City Hall
		13:30	Leave City Hall for Centrair Airport
		16:40	Departure from Centrair (AIR CANADA -AC1956)

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Teaching/ Employment

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Education/Background

School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

School/Other: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Degree: _____

Relevant Skills/Honors/Activities
