

2015  
*Sasebo Youth Exchange Program*



## **Sasebo International Youth Exchange Program (Homestay with Japanese Family)**

### **Student must meet the following criteria to be eligible for selection:**

- 1) In grade 8, 9, 10, or 11 during the school year 2015-2016.
- 2) Grade point average (overall) of B or above.
- 3) Submit application with all necessary forms by due date.
- 4) Be able to travel in mid to late July 2015.

### **Participants must be willing to commit to the following once selected:**

- 1) Become a Sister Cities member.
- 2) Attend scheduled pre-trip orientation meetings and post-trip follow-up meetings.
- 3) Pay financial commitment to Sister Cities and/or travel agent. Typically, participants pay for airfare to and from Japan. Other miscellaneous travel expenses are possible.
- 4) Have current passport.
- 5) Complete program documentation including medical release form, proof of medical insurance and travel protection plan coverage. (Details provided at orientation meetings.)
- 6) Accept and abide by terms of the code of conduct as a junior ambassador.

### **Selection Process**

- 1) Application completed and postmarked by **Wednesday, January 28, 2015**.
- 2) The selection committee will review and evaluate all applicants.
- 3) Students may be called for a personal interview.
- 4) All decisions made by the selection committee are final.

### **Program Sponsors**

*The mission of the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation is to promote and encourage greater friendship and understanding between the people of Albuquerque and peoples of other nations. Albuquerque and Sasebo, Japan have been Sister Cities for nearly fifty years. Visit [www.albuquerque-sister-cities-org](http://www.albuquerque-sister-cities-org) or e-mail [saseboabq@gmail.com](mailto:saseboabq@gmail.com) for more information.*



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**STUDENT APPLICATION**

*Please PRINT or type all information*

Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (include street address, city, zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

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List all current contact phone numbers  
(cell & landline—must list at least one  
parent contact)

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## STUDENT PROFILE

Full name	
DOB / age	
Sex	
Grade / School attending	
Interests, hobbies, talents	
Team sports, clubs, organizations	

Medical conditions (Be specific and identify any medications currently taking)	
Food allergies or special dietary needs	

Describe your personality	
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Languages other than English spoken or studied: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prior travel outside the U.S.: **No** **Yes** – Name country or countries \_\_\_\_\_  
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*List all family members living in the home. This information will be shared with the Japanese host family if selected.*

Adults	Age	Relationship	Occupation
Children	Age	Relationship	Hobbies, interests, sports, etc.



**Use the back to continue the essay**

ALBUQUERQUE SISTER CITIES FOUNDATION, INC  
SASEBO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

***Teacher Recommendation Form***

Student applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher completing form \_\_\_\_\_ Subject taught \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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This recommendation is to be prepared with the understanding that comments will be held in confidence. The student applicant has applied to represent the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Sister Cities Foundation, Inc. in the Sasebo International Youth Exchange. ***Please return the completed form to the applicant in an envelope signed across the seal.***

**Part I – Student Qualities**

Please rate the student in each of the categories listed.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding / Superior
Academics				
Behavior				
Attitude				
Leadership Ability				
Positive Peer Interaction				
Ability to Work with a Group				
Adult Interaction				

**Part II – Please comment on the student applicant’s ability to adapt to a different cultural environment as well as any other factors which you believe have a bearing on the student’s success as a junior ambassador. Use the space below. Attach an additional page if necessary.**

Teacher signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sasebo International Youth Exchange Program Student Application Checklist

\_\_\_ Completed application

\_\_\_ Photo

\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_ Teacher Recommendation Report (in a sealed envelope)

\_\_\_ Copy of most recent report card

Submit no later than Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Send completed application packet to:

**Pam Feather**  
**2591 Shavano Peak Drive NE**  
**Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144**

*The following Sasebo Committee members can be contacted for more information about the youth exchange:  
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