



## Redlands Sister Cities Student Exchange Program March 2017

### Description

The Redlands Sister Cities Association is now accepting applications from students who are currently attending high school in Redlands, or who are between the ages of 14 through 19, to visit Redlands' sister city of Hino, Japan.

The home stay/visitation will be for approximately 14 days, leaving around March 11, 2017 and returning around March 25, depending on airline reservations. During this time, students will be staying with host families, participating in the city's cultural activities, and traveling to some historic sites in the country.

Along with the application, students must **submit an essay of 500 words or more** about why they would like to visit Japan. The tentative cost per student is approximately \$2400, which will cover airfare, railway transportation, and other expenses. The student and his or her family are responsible for the cost; however the Redlands Sister Cities Association will assist students in organizing fundraisers and applying for scholarship funds to help defer some of the costs. Students who are accepted into the program will need to join sister cities (a two year membership of \$25 per year) and participate in orientation activities before the trip and "a sharing of your experience" presentation after the trip.

The students selected will be required to attend orientation meetings and participate in fundraising activities prior to the departure date. The application **deadline is Friday, December 2, 2016 with interviews scheduled for the first two weeks in December.** Students will then be notified of their selection shortly thereafter. Applications will be available on line at: [www.redlandssistercities.com](http://www.redlandssistercities.com) or at the counselors' offices at each of the Redlands' high schools.

For further information or questions about the program, you may call Roy Cencirulo, Redlands Sister Cities President at 909-798-0939, or email at [roy\\_cencirulo@yahoo.com](mailto:roy_cencirulo@yahoo.com)



2. Medical Information:

Name of Health Insurance Carrier:

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Does your policy cover travel outside of the United States? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

In general terms, describe your health condition

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3. Academic Information:

School that you presently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you studied about Japan or the language? Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Miscellaneous:

This information will assist the Hino Sister City Association in arranging a suitable host family for you. Please complete as fully as possible.

Have you ever traveled outside the U.S.? Yes/No. (Name countries)

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What are your future plans for a profession?

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What are your main hobbies or interests? Please list three.

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Do you have any special requests (dietary or otherwise) you would like to make of your host family?

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5. **ESSAY:** Please attach your 500 words or more essay to this application.

6. **COST:** I understand the cost will be approximately \$2400 per student. Limited financial assistance or scholarships may be available upon request.

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Signature of applicant

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Signature of parent/guardian