

**CHAPERON APPLICATION
STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
HIGASHIMURAYAMA, JAPAN / INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI
SPONSORED BY THE JAPANESE SISTER CITY COMMISSION
A COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI**

The Independence Japanese Sister City Commission sponsors an annual student exchange program with Independence's Japanese Sister City, Higashimurayama. The visit lasts approximately two weeks and involves home stays and sightseeing tours. The exchange is tentatively scheduled each year around the dates of July 12 July 27. The Japanese students and CHAPERON will fly back at this same time and spend two weeks in Independence. This makes the entire exchange approximately four weeks long. Participation with all four weeks are required, however, the CHAPERON is required to participate in only a few of the events in America.

CHAPERON REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for the CHAPERON position of the Sister City-sponsored trip must be:

1. Employed by the Independence School district; OR
2. A resident of the City of Independence; OR
3. An employee of the City of Independence; OR
4. Employed by a school that serves students in the City of Independence; AND
5. May not be a current member of the Japanese Sister City Commission.

POLICY FOR 2012 EXCHANGE

The CHAPERON will have full trip expenses paid by the Japanese Sister City Commission. Such trip expenses are limited to the airfare and package transportation costs and do not include "out-of-pocket" or other personal expenses. The selected CHAPERON will be expected to share in planning activities and student preparation prior to the exchange, share experiences with interested citizens after their return, and help the Commission in fund raising and cultural activities. The CHAPERON will help in selection of the students, work with the students for a complete year in preparation of the trip and assist in any fund-raising events the student and CHAPERON choose. The CHAPERON should help the students in raising their portion of the fees if there is a need to do so.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If interested in applying for the position of tour CHAPERON, return:

1. This form; AND
2. A brief essay explaining your interest in Japan and reasons for wanting to participate in the exchange program; AND
3. A letter of recommendation; AND
4. A resume, which should include experiences with teenagers through teaching or community activities.

You will be contacted within two (2) weeks of the application deadline for a personal interview.

NAME _____

ADDRESS (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) MO (Zip) _____

PHONE (Day) _____ (Night) _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

POSITION DATE _____

Participation is limited to ten (10) students and one (1) adult CHAPERON. Selection of the CHAPERON will take place in April each year. The web site (www.ci.independence.mo.us/sistercity) lists previous CHAPERONs whom you are welcome to contact. There is also information on the web site and the link for the Examiner Spotted photos. RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO: Independence City Hall Attn: Japanese Sister City Commission, or by email to jscfriends@yahoo.com