Come explore… JAPAN in 2015 …with Ohio 4-H!

Who: Ohio Youth ages 12-18 (12 by departure date & still 18 on return date) (Cannot be a college student.)

What: Travel to Japan with 4-H youth from across the U.S. Live with a Japanese host family during your stay! Some youth will have the opportunity to attend a Japanese school with the host sibling.

When: July 8 - August 6, 2015 (or, June 10 - Aug. 6 if choosing “Nihongo” language program - see box below)

Where: One night Departure Orientation in Seattle prior to flight to Tokyo where there will be an Arrival Orientation to introduce you to Japan. One night in Tokyo prior to your return home.

How: This exchange is coordinated with the Labo Foundation in Japan, which has been exchanging with Ohio 4-H since 1979.

Cost: Appx. $5,100 (Depends on exchange rate and airfare prices)
Price after $2,000 4-H base scholarship = appx. $3,100. Includes:
- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H, the Japanese Labo Foundation and “States’ 4-H International Programs” from start to finish
- Round-Trip Airfare
- Orientations in Columbus, Seattle & Tokyo
- Pre-return De-Briefing in Tokyo
- Medical & Accident Insurance
- Tee-shirts, luggage tags and passport carrier
- In-Japan expenses (transportation, lodging, meals, Labo Camp, etc.)
- A portion of Adult Chaperone expenses (beginning in U.S. gateway city)

Scholarships: A $2,000 base scholarship will be automatically awarded to all 4-H youth selected for this program. Additional funding will be provided to those who have previously served as an Ohio 4-H host family.

Application Deadline: December 10, 2014 (Except: References due 1/5 … Medical Form & Passport copies due 2/28)
Required Interviews: January 10, 2015 - Columbus (One parent must accompany applicant)
Required Orientation: May, 2015 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)

2015 Payment Schedule: (Airfare is estimated. Trip price will be adjusted in February after air tickets are purchased.)
- December 10, 2014: Application with $550 deposit (see “Instructions” on website for payee info)
- February 1: $1,500
- March 1: $400
- May 1: Remaining Balance + $1,400 if participating on "Nihongo" program

Cancellation Policy: (Cancellations must be made in writing)
- Payments not refundable after each deadline. (Air tickets issued in late January and are NOT refundable once issued)
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis

Optional Add-On “Nihongo”: 1-Month Language Program
What: Learn Japanese in a classroom setting & explore Japanese culture on group excursions. Live with a Tokyo host family!
When: June 10 – July 8, 2015
Cost: $1,400 plus weekday lunches (appx. $8-$10 per day)

For more information: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international
(You MUST read the “2015 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application” before submitting. This document is posted to our website each November.)
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