Come explore … **JAPAN in 2018!** …with States’ 4-H and 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 11 - August 9, 2018 (tent.) (June 13 - Aug. 9 if doing “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. $3,400. Price depends on exchange rate & airfare. Includes:
- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H, the Japanese Labo Foundation and “States’ 4-H International Programs”
- 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 (transport, lodging, meals, Labo Camp)
- A portion of Adult Chaperone expenses (beginning in U.S. gateway city)

**Scholarships:** A $1,600 base scholarship will be automatically awarded to all 4-H youth selected for this program, reducing the original price of $5,000 to $3,400. Additional discounts per previous exchangee hosted through Ohio 4-H are also given. **Scholarship amounts could change and will be finalized Dec. 8. Applicants may withdraw with no penalty at that time.

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2017

**Required Interviews:** Dec. 10 (‘17), Jan. 6, 7 or 15, 2018 - Columbus (hold all dates for now) (1 parent must accompany)

**Required Orientation:** May, 2018 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)

**2018 Payment Schedule:** (Airfare is estimated. Trip price will be adjusted in February after air tickets are purchased.)
- December 1, 2017: Application and $1,050 in 2 checks (you MUST read the on-line “Instructions” first)
- February 1: Second Payment
- March 1: $500
- May 1: Remaining Balance + $1,500 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

For more information: [www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)

(You MUST read the “2018 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application” before submitting. This document is posted to our website each September.)

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**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 13 – July 11, 2018 tent.

Cost: $1,500 plus weekday lunches (aprx. $10 per day)