



Come explore ... **JAPAN in 2020!** ... with States' 4-H and Ohio 4-H

Who: Ohio Youth between ages 12-18 from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college)

What: Travel to Japan with 4-H youth from across the U.S. Live with a Japanese family! Attend 1-week Labo Camp.

When: **July 8 - August 6** (one-month program) **or June 10 - Aug. 6** (2-month program - see box below right)

Where: Overnight Departure Orientation on the U.S. west coast prior to flight to Tokyo where an overnight Arrival Orientation will introduce you to Japan. One night in Tokyo prior to returning home.

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

Cost: Estimated \$3,475 post-scholarship. Fee depends on exchange rate & airfare. Includes:

- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H, States' 4-H, and Labo.
- Round-Trip Airfare (estimated until purchased in mid-Feb.)
- Orientations in Columbus, U.S. gateway city & Tokyo
- Pre-return De-Briefing in Tokyo
- Medical & Accident Insurance
- T-shirts, luggage tags and passport carrier
- Sightseeing & cultural excursions
- In-Japan expenses (lodging, meals, transportation)
- A portion of Adult Chaperone expenses (chaperone coverage begins & ends in the U.S. gateway city)

Optional 2nd Month in Japan: "Nihongo" Language Program

Live with a Tokyo-area host family from June 10 to July 8 (*prior* to the "regular" 1-month homestay, which runs July 8 to August 6). Attend daily intensive Japanese language class, participate in cultural excursions and gather informally with other students. A host sibling is not guaranteed. Program dates including both months: **June 10 – August 6** **Cost:** Estimated **\$4,625 post-scholarship** PLUS weekday lunches for first month (\$7-10 daily).

Scholarships: *An estimated \$2,000 base scholarship will be awarded to all 4-H youth selected for this program. Scholarship amount could change and will be finalized Dec. 11. Applicants may withdraw with no penalty at that time. Additional \$100 discounts per previous exchangee hosted through Ohio 4-H.*

Application Deadline: (FIRM!) **November 15, 2019: (You MUST read the "Application Instructions" on website first!)**

Required Interviews: **Dec. 7 or 8, 2019 in Columbus - Hold all dates for now (at least one parent must accompany)**

Selections Announced: **January, 2020**

Required Orientation: **Spring 2020 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)**

Payment Schedule: (*Airfare is estimated until purchased in mid-February. April 15 payment may be adjusted at that time.*)

- Nov. 15, 2019: \$1,500 (1-month) or \$2,000 (2-month) + \$50 app. fee (you MUST read the on-line "Instructions" first)
- April 15, 2020: Second payment of appx. \$1,425 (1-month) or appx. \$2,075 (2 months)
- May 15, 2020: Third payment of \$500

Cancellation Policy:

If you are NOT selected: *Full refund of Nov. 15 payment (Nov. 15 checks are not deposited until applicant is accepted in Jan.)*

If you ARE selected, but cancel before Jan. 31: *Refund of Nov. 15 payment minus \$300. No refunds of paid fees after Jan. 31*

For more information: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international

Before submitting you MUST read the "2020 Instructions & Requirements for Completing the Outbound Application" which is posted to our website each September.

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