



## Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation

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### 2018 RAINBOW STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM – INFORMATION SHEET

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its 21th annual Rainbow Exchange Program. This is a 2 week Stay and Study Program in Japan offered in cooperation with the Ashinaga Ikueikai of Japan. If selected, the Rainbow Exchange Students will depart LAX around end of July or beginning of August and return to LAX around mid-August.

**Ashinaga Ikueikai** is a non-profit organization in Japan which offers scholarships and guidance counseling to young people in Japan whose lives have been affected by the death or permanent disability of one or both parents. Ashinaga Ikueikai also provides the visiting Rainbow Students from other countries with opportunities to meet Japanese Rainbow Students in various Japanese cities and arrange for the study tour of Japan.

**Rainbow Exchange Program** includes round-trip travel and living expenses during their stay in Japan funded by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Ashinaga Ikueikai, except for personal expenses irrelative to the program.

#### Qualifications:

- (1) Applicant must be 18-23 years old actively enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college/university degree program,
- (2) Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
- (3) Must have strong interest in enhancing personal knowledge about Japanese culture and/or U.S.-Japan relations,
- (4) Must have some ability to understand and speak Japanese language; and
- (5) Either or both parents are deceased (death certificate or any proof of parent's death is needed) or permanently disabled (certification of disability by a physician must be provided).
- (6) Holding a valid passport at the time of departure, (with at least one-year validity left)

#### Application Requirement: In order to be considered, each applicant must:

- (1) Complete the attached application form, typewritten, responding to all items;
- (2) Write a one-page typewritten essay in English or Japanese in response to the following three questions:
  - (a) "How your life has been affected by the death or disability of your parent(s)";
  - (b) "How your participation in this program would enhance your personal knowledge about Japanese culture and/or U.S.-Japan relations".
  - (c) "How you intend to utilize this experience for the benefit to you and to your community"; and
- (3) Mail, e-mail, or fax both the completed application form and essay together to Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 244 So. San Pedro Street Suite 410, Los Angeles, CA 90012, e-mail: office@jccsc.com, fax: (213) 626-3070, to be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2018**. Qualified applicants may be called for an interview.

**Notification:** Soon after the application deadline, you will be notified of the result of your application/essay/interview. An orientation session, within a week of the result notification, will be conducted to help you prepare for the trip.

#### For Questions or Application Form,

Please call Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation office at (213) 626-3067 or e-mail: office@jccsc.com.

*Thank you very much.*

# 2018 RAINBOW STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM APPLICATION

(This application form must be typed.)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

Telephone No. (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or Permanent Resident: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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College/University Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Campus/Athletic Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Other Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

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No. of Years Japanese Language Classes Taken: High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Course Titles \_\_\_\_\_

Can You Speak Japanese? Fluently \_\_\_\_\_ A Little \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Can You Read/Write Japanese? Fluently \_\_\_\_\_ A Little \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Ever Been to Japan? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Japanese Community Involvement: Describe \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My Father/Mother (please circle) is/are deceased (attach a proof of death). Year \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the cause \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My Father/Mother (please circle) is/are permanently disabled (attach a statement by a physician).

Please describe the disability \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby apply for 2018 Rainbow Exchange Program by submitting a completed application form and one-page essay. I understand and agree with the travel dates indicated on the information sheet and to make myself available to participate in all the programs during the entire trip.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only			Father	Mother
Received on / By				
Completion of application				
Essay				