

GARLAND COUNTY STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 8 - 11

Call for Applications

for educational study trip to Hanamaki, Japan
sponsored by the
Hot Springs National Park Sister City Foundation

The Hot Springs National Park Sister City Foundation will sponsor a trip for students from Garland County to Hanamaki, Japan for approximately one week in September 2010. Five to ten students will be chosen to travel to our sister city as representatives of our city. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$2,000, plus the cost of a passport and incidental expenses. Selected students will be expected to participate in Sister City programs and promotions during the year following their trip to Japan.

Please submit a typed application that includes all of the following information. Only those applicants seeking scholarships are required to answer the questions in section V. Note that the awarding of scholarships is contingent upon the availability of funds. Partial scholarships may be offered.

I. Please submit all of the following information typed on a cover sheet:

- Applicant's Name
- Date of Birth
- Name of School
- Grade
- Address - Street, Apt or slot #, City, State, Zip Code
- E-mail address
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Parent(s)/Guardian's Name
- Parent/Guardian's E-mail address
- Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone
- Parent/Guardian's Work Phone
- How many siblings live in your home with you?

II. Answer all of the following questions typed in paragraph format:

- A. Why do you wish to go on this student exchange trip to Japan?
- B. What can you share with the Japanese students? (examples include talents, hobbies, interests, abilities, etc.)
- C. Have you ever traveled out of the United States, hosted or been involved with people from a foreign country? (Give details)
- D. Have you ever been in trouble with the law? (If yes, give details)

III. *Please list all of the following by including as many details as you can.*

- A. Extracurricular activities
- B. Hobbies or interests
- C. Talents
- D. Community or school organizations in which you are involved

IV. *Please attach all of the following:*

- A. Two Letters of Reference:
 - One from a Teacher, Counselor, or Principal
 - One personal reference(Be sure that your references include the following contact information: name, address, phone number and e-mail if possible).
- B. School Records (this can be an official letter, form, or actual copy of records from your school). The following information must be included:
 - Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Attendance Record
 - Discipline Record
- C. A statement signed by a parent/legal guardian showing support for your travel to Japan.

V. *The following additional questions are to be answered only by those applicants seeking an educational exchange scholarship for this trip. As above, answer all of the questions typed in paragraph format. Please indicate if you would consider a partial scholarship, if a full scholarship is not available. Please limit responses to 500 words.*

- A. Pick an issue that affects both Japan and the United States and write how you feel about that issue. Some example categories for issues include: the environment, education, government, literature, culture, or technology.
- B. Why do you feel you should receive a scholarship for this student exchange trip?
- C. What is your parent's or guardian's estimated annual income?

This application is round one in the selection process. Round two will consist of a face-to-face interview. Completed applications should be mailed to the address below, postmarked no later than March 19, 2010. Any questions should be directed to Mary Nielson at 545-6960.

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