



TO: PUBLIC SCHOOL K-12 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS
Call for Applications
for educational study trip to Hanamaki, Japan
sponsored by the Hot Springs National Park Sister City Foundation

On April 9, 2012, the Sister City Foundation will award 2 scholarships for teachers or school administrators currently employed in Garland County public schools. The scholarship will fully fund the travel cost for an 7-day trip to Hanamaki, Japan from June 9 through June 17, 2012. The City of Hanamaki will provide living arrangements (typically “home stays”) and provide tours and educational opportunities during the teachers’ stay.

The purpose of this trip is to provide Garland County public school educators the opportunity to interact with teachers and students in Hanamaki schools; to observe and learn about the culture of Hanamaki; and to bring back and utilize this new information in their own classrooms.

On no more than two typewritten pages, please answer the following questions in paragraph form. In the header, include your name, home address and telephone number, e-mail address, and name of school with school’s address and telephone number.

1. Briefly describe your own educational background and in what area(s) you have been an educator. What is your current position? Have you experienced any foreign travel opportunities?
2. What has sparked your interest in this trip to Hanamaki?
3. Have you had the opportunity to offer some type of international cultural area studies in your classroom? How have you presented that material?
4. Do you have a particular area of interest if you were to go to Hanamaki?
5. What are some ways in which you might integrate this Hanamaki trip experience into your classroom activities?
6. Is there anything else about yourself that you would like to include in this application?

Please include a letter of support / recommendation from your school's principal (or administrative superior) with your application.

Scholarship winners will be expected to sign the "Agreement Between Grant Recipient and Sister City Foundation" (a copy is included at the end of this application for your advance review). Note that grant recipients are responsible for obtaining a valid U. S. passport at their own expense.

Finalist interviews will be held on **the week of April 2**, exact time, date and location to be announced.

Application deadline is March 26, 2012. You may submit applications by e-mail to: HYPERLINK "mailto:sistercity@sbcglobal.net" sistercity@sbcglobal.net OR you may mail a hard copy of your application to:

HSNP Sister City Foundation – Teacher Grants
c/o Hot Springs Public Information Department
P.O. Box 700
Hot Springs, AR 71902

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt.

For further inquiries about this program, you may contact Donna Casparian, Foundation Secretary <donna@sistercityfoundation.com> or Janet Cheek, trip coordinator <sistercity@sbcglobal.net>.

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HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK SISTER CITY FOUNDATION

AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRANT RECIPIENT AND SISTER CITY FOUNDATION

If chosen as a Hot Springs Sister City Foundation Grant recipient, I understand and agree that I will be expected to do the following:

1. Obtain a valid U.S. passport at my own expense.
2. Attend the mandatory planning meetings before my trip to Japan. (I may be responsible for purchasing business cards and several small gifts give to host families.)
3. Write a comprehensive trip report and relate how I plan to apply this information to my teaching objectives. This report will be used in the Foundation newsletter, and will be due to the Foundation within 30 days of my return to Hot Springs.
4. Help recruit and interview prospective teachers for the next grant cycle.
5. Attend the Sister City Board meetings for at least one year after my return. There are approximately four meetings a year at 5:30 p.m. at the Garland County Library. At one of these meetings during the first year after my return, I will present a report to the Board regarding the classroom activities I have implemented as a result of the trip.
6. Be willing to present a discussion of my experiences to civic or school groups.
7. Be willing to attend and assist at Sister City Program events.

I understand and agree to fulfill these requirements as a condition of receiving my grant.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Return to: HSNP Sister City Foundation Board President, c/o Hot Springs
Public Information Department, P.O. Box 700, Hot Springs, AR 71902.