



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 early June 2020. Up to 10 students will be chosen to travel to our sister city as representatives of our city. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$2,500, plus the cost of a passport and incidental expenses. Some scholarship assistance, based on financial need and merit, may be available.

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 #, City, State, Zip Code
- Email 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 - talents, hobbies, 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

### 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

**Please attach all of the following:**

- A. Two Letters of Reference that include name, address, phone number and E-mail
  - One from a Teacher, Counselor, or Principal
  - One personal reference
- 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.

**Scholarship Section**

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and merit. - *The following additional questions are to be answered only by those applicants seeking scholarship assistance for this trip. As above, answer all of the questions typed in paragraph format. **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 parents' or guardians' estimated annual income?

The Sister City Foundation Education Committee reserves the right to contact references, teachers, and school administrators to verify eligibility of applicants.

Students selected as part of the student delegation will be required to attend period scheduled meetings in the time leading up to June in order to prepare for the trip. This meetings are necessary and attendance is required , failure to attend without proper notice could result the student being excluded from the group. Students will also be expected to participate in sister city activities.

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 December 21 or can be scanned in and emailed as a PDF attachment to [hotspringssistercity@yahoo.com](mailto:hotspringssistercity@yahoo.com) before midnight on December 21. Any questions should be directed to Mary Neilson at 545-6960.

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