



SHELBY COUNTY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNCIL

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Linda Sanders, *President*
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October 30, 2018

Dear Student:

The Shelby County International Relations Council (SCIRC) in partnership with the City of Shelbyville are once again planning to send a student delegation to our Sister City, Shizuoka City/Kambara, Japan in the summer of 2019. Our Sister City program was established in 1988 to provide a cultural exchange of students and adults between our communities. Last summer, eleven students and four adult chaperones from Shelby County participated in the summer student exchange as part of the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of our Sister City relationship.

SCIRC will assist with the planning and coordination for this trip along with the City. Although no specific dates have been chosen yet, the student trip is planned for around the first to second week of **June 2019**. The trip will include approximately one week in Shizuoka City/Kambara as a home-stay experience as well as a few days in Tokyo. Travelers are expected to personally pay 100% of all costs associated with the trip, which generally includes transportation fees of airfare, train and bus, hotel costs in Tokyo, gifts to their home-stay host families, special group activities, sponsored meals, and any personal purchases. The cost of the trip is expected to range from \$2,500 - \$3,000 per traveler. Fundraising for this trip is acceptable.

The travel group will include several students currently in grades 7-12 along with adult chaperones. Students chosen for our delegation will be required to attend general orientation sessions prior to the trip on Japanese culture, language, customs, and trip details. Students selected must be excellent representatives of Shelby County and will be expected to display good citizenship and community values. Upon completion of the trip, all students and adults are encouraged to share their experiences with community groups, service organizations, or school classes.

Students in grades 7-12 from Shelby County who are interested in this home-stay, cultural exchange may complete and submit the attached application along with a \$250.00 deposit by **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. Two references must also be obtained on the appropriate form and submitted by **February 28th**. The applications will be reviewed by the SCIRC selection committee and a student delegation will be chosen by March 15th to represent Shelby County for the 2019 summer trip. Prior participation or enrollment in a Japanese program is not required.

An information meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at City Hall, 44 West Washington Street, in the Council Chambers at 6:30pm for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Sister City program. Additional information on the history of our Sister City relationship can be found on the homepage of the City's website at www.cityofshelbyvillein.com under *Japan Sister City*. Questions may be directed to Linda Sanders at 317-753-4319, s_linda@sbcglobal.net or the Mayor's Office at 317-398-6624.

Respectfully,

Linda Sanders
SCIRC President

Mayor Tom DeBaun
City of Shelbyville

SHELBY COUNTY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNCIL (SCIRC)

2019 Student Application Sister City Trip to Shizuoka City/Kambara, Japan

Student Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian Names:

Address:

Parent Phone/Cell #:

Student Phone/Cell #:

Parent E-mail:

Student E-mail:

Year in School:

Year in Japanese class (if applicable, not required):

Date of Birth:

Activities in school (include office held, if any):

List any medical conditions or information that your host family in Japan would need to know about you (allergies, are you vegetarian, etc.):

List two references below who you have asked to complete your recommendations (teacher, coach, pastor, youth sponsor, scout leader, etc.):

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

1.

2.

What activities are you involved in outside of school?

What would you share with the people in our Sister City about Shelbyville and/or Shelby County?

When you return, how would you share the experiences you had in Japan with your community?

Please provide an attachment of a one-page essay explaining why you should be selected to represent Shelby County as a student representative for our Sister City trip.

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2019 Student Application Sister City Trip to Shizuoka City/Kambara, Japan

Parent/Legal Guardian:

This application must be submitted with a deposit of **\$250.00**. Should your child not be selected for participation in the Sister City Program, this deposit will be returned to you. If your child is selected, this deposit will be held by SCIRC and applied towards your balance due for the trip. The airline tickets and hotel accommodations must be paid for in advance. SCIRC will inform you of those costs and payment deadline(s) once they are known. If payment is not received prior to the deadline(s), your child may no longer participate in the Program. If, after acceptance, your child should leave the Program for any reason, money collected on your child's behalf but not yet expended, will be returned to you.

I (we) agree to allow our son or daughter to participate in the Sister City Program to Shizuoka City/Kambara, Japan in the summer of 2019 if he/she is accepted. I (we) have read the above information and understand and agree to it. I (we) further understand and agree that I (we) are responsible for all costs associated with my child's participation in the Program, and shall make payments in accordance with the deadline(s) established by SCIRC.

Signature(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Printed Name(s) of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Student:

If selected, I agree to attend general orientation sessions along with additional training classes on Japanese language, customs, and culture. I understand that students selected for the Program must be positive representatives of Shelby County, and will be expected to display good citizenship and community values during the trip.

Signature of Student: _____

Printed Name of Student: _____

Date: _____

**The student application, essay, 2 references, along with the \$250.00 deposit are due to
Linda Sanders by Thursday, February 28, 2019**

Mailing address:

*Shelby County International Relations Council
c/o Linda Sanders, SCIRC President
PO Box 400
Shelbyville, IN 46176*

Make checks for the deposit payable to: SCIRC

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Please return the completed form by Thursday, February 28, 2019 to Linda Sanders at s_linda@sbcglobal.net or **SCIRC, PO Box 400, Shelbyville, IN 46176.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and promptness in completing this form. Please feel free to use a second page to expand your answers.

Sincerely,

Student Name

1. How are you acquainted with this individual?

2. How does the student get along with others?

3. Please describe the student's attitude, maturity level, and contributions to the classroom, school, and community.

4. Why should this student be selected to represent our schools and community on this trip?

Reference Provider Name (Print)

Reference Provider Name (Signature)

Date

Phone Number

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