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CHAPERONE APPLICATION

SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE with ANJO, JAPAN

CHAPERONE ELIGIBILITY

Any adult over 21 years old who works or resides in or near Huntington Beach.

OBJECTIVE

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower created the People-to-People Program with the idea that cultural exchange programs should come from citizens rather than government. In 1982, the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach began an exchange with the citizens of Anjo, Japan.

Through a family-living experiences, our program strives to provide an opportunity for students and their families to develop an understanding of a different culture. In addition, the program fosters long-lasting friendships between the citizens of the two cities.

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach is a nonprofit citizens group, which conducts the student exchange and entertains foreign visitors. The City of Huntington Beach provides support services and resources.

Four students and a chaperone will be selected for the exchange. Reciprocal two-week home stays are arranged with the student counterparts and their chaperone. The chaperone is expected to be available for the majority of exchange activities.

ANTICIPATED DATES

Anjo students and chaperone visit Huntington Beach from June 29-July 12, 2017 and the Huntington Beach students and chaperone travel to Anjo from July 25-August 8, 2017.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the two-page application and include:

1. Passport size photo
2. Personal statement. On a separate sheet, tell us about yourself. Include some of the following topics:
 - Your personality and how you see yourself
 - Your interests and what is important to you
 - What you hope to gain from the exchange experience
 - Commitment to be a full time host for your chaperone counterpart.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

Mail completed application to:

**Carmen Erber
17301 Wild Rose Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92649**

Questions? 714-846-7685 or gerber@socal.rr.com

The selection committee consisting of board members, educators, former chaperones and others as delegated by the board will interview applicants.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Sister City contributes up to \$1500 toward airfare and costs incurred in hosting a visiting chaperone (admissions, entertainment, food, and gifts for host family abroad). You're not responsible for any costs in Anjo except personal purchases.

The position of Sister City chaperone is a commitment requiring a dedication of time and focus.

List your hobbies and/or major activities.

Have you ever participated in a similar program? If yes, please provide details.

Do you speak a foreign language? _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING:

I understand that, if selected, I shall abide by all Sister City guidelines, and will participate in the planned meetings and activities.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Guidelines for Chaperones

Sister City Association of Huntington Beach

I Before the trip

- Attend all orientation and preparation meetings.
- Get acquainted with students, their personalities and how they interact with one another.
- Study major cultural differences between U.S. and Japan.
- Learn a few Japanese words and phrases.
- Write self-introduction speech. You will give this in Japanese.
- Help with securing travel arrangements, if necessary.
- Assist in planning itinerary for the Japanese students' visit.
- Become conversant about Huntington Beach city government and facilities.
- Strive to heighten the experience for the students.
- Abide by suggestions from the Sister City Board of Directors.

II During Anjo students' visit to Huntington Beach

- Host the Anjo chaperone in your home.
- Participate in scheduled activities.
- Be alert to possible difficulties among students. Inform board members of any situation that may require attention/action.
- Encourage interaction between American and Japanese students.

III Travel and stay in Anjo

- Assume leadership of the group.
- Check with students about *any* problem--illness, home stay difficulty, or social issue. Our students are counseled to notify you of any irregularity. Anjo city staff is available to help, and an English speaker always available.
- Counsel and guide students to demonstrate exemplary behavior as our Ambassadors of Goodwill.

IV Post Commitment

- Participate in debriefing meeting.
- Along with students, prepare and present report of the trip before City Council.
- Assist the Cherry Blossom Festival committee and participate in the spring festival.