Application information for Homestay and Study Tour Program in Japan

Schedules: June 21 to July 6, 2012 (tentative).

Program: Students will be going to stay in Toyota and Hiroshima with Japanese families and to visit Nagoya, Tokyo, and Kyoto. This is a part of multicultural and educational trip for the Wayne State University students in conjunction with the Toyota city government, Toyota International Association, Hiroshima city government, Hiroshima Jogakuin University, and local sponsors. One faculty will accompany the whole trip, except on the way back home. Participants will be expected to be highly responsible, punctual, and adaptable in different culture, and good representative of the Wayne State University.

Homestay Places: Toyota city & Hiroshima
Visiting Places: Nagoya, Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Tokyo

Cost: $2300.00-2600.00 tentative ($1=80yen). Total program cost includes all transportation and lodging except your round trip transportation to the Metro Airport.

Once you are selected for the Dept. grant recipient you will be instructed to purchase your ticket at the specified travel agency. The participants are also responsible for their own insurances and all expenses at the beginning, in case of trip cancellation.

Remember: The Dept. grant will help support some of your program cost, but the grant money will not be available until your completion of all the course requirements (reminder 1). Students are recommended to apply for a global grant from Study Abroad Office, in addition to Dept. grant.

Eligibility: Wayne State University Students who are currently enrolled in the Japanese program at main campus in Detroit and registered for JPN3990.

Prerequisite: JPN1010 and 1020 OR JPN1010 with instructor’s permission

TERMS: This is an educational trip. The students must complete the trip as it is scheduled. No dependents are allowed during the trip. Students must accommodate each host-family’s customs and manners. The program will not cover any other costs rather than what has been planned. Therefore, if the participant decides not to stay with the home-stay accommodation or fails to stay in the program he/she is responsible for his/her own accommodation and transportation during the trip. If students are planning to stay longer in Japan you can make such arrangement at your cost by yourself.

The failure to complete all requirements as participants before, during and after the trip will result you to lose your Dept. grant recipient status (reminder 2). More details will be available during the orientations.

Requirement: 1) Orientations
2) Preparatory assignment before the trip (Japanese and English)
3) Successful completion of the program trip
4) Questionnaires and surveys about the trip
5) Essay about cultural survey (in English)
6) Essay about Japanese history and culture (in English)
7) Power point presentation of the homestay experience to community or school
8) Thank you card to host families

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Completed application form.
2. Statement of Purpose in English (150-200 words, typed in English, doubled spaced)
3. A letter of permission from parents or guardian, if applicant is under 20yrs old
4. 2 Recommendation letters from teachers or professors (other than Japanese instructors at Wayne State University). (If employed, immediate supervisor). The letter should be sealed and signed. See the attached form.
5. Current transcript showing course grades including Japanese. (student copy is fine)

DEADLINE: 5:00pm  First Friday in February, 2012
in the mailbox of Rie Masuda at 487 Manoogian Hall

RESULT: Email you in March (after spring break)

Flight purchase DEADLINE: As soon as your ticket is reserved by the conductor (mid April-May)

Japan rail pass purchase DEADLINE: before departure at the designated travel agency

Please be ready to check your email and blackboard site often to know when to purchase your airfare and pass. The price of the ticket may change if you delay your payment to the travel agency for tickets.

Reminder 3: Your Department grant money will be distributed to you AFTER the trip and ALL requirements is completed. YOU will need to have enough funding for the trip before trip.

Cancellation policy: If the trip is cancelled before the ticket payment the university will reimburse you the tuitions for the JPN3990 trip course. However, the university and the conductor will not be responsible for any reimbursement of your flight ticket when the trip is postponed or cancelled for any reasons. Travel insurance (flight cancellation) is recommended to be purchased at the travel agency.
1. Currently enrolled course JPN__________ Term: ______________

2. Your full Name: ____________________________________________
   Last                                    First               Middle

   Student ID number__________________________________________

3. Your school /college: _______________________________________


5. Major field of study: _______________Minor field of study: _______

6. How many more semesters before you graduate: ________________

7. Contact Address: ___________________________________________

   Phone: _____________________________________________________

   Cell Phone: ________________________________________________

   Available time: _____________________________________________

   E-mail address: _____________________________________________
   (the account you check frequently)

8. Emergency contact person: ______________________ /            
   (family member)                                           (Relation)

   Phone: ____________________________________________________

   E-mail address: ____________________________________________
   (the account he/she checks frequently – in case that the conductor need to contact)

9. Native language/culture: ____________________________________
10. Have you studied any foreign language before (other than Japanese)? Yes or No
   If yes, what languages ____________________________
   Where and how long? ____________________________

12. Have you studied Japanese before WSU: Yes No
   If yes, where? ____________________________
   When and how long? ____________________________

13. Have you been to Japan? Yes No
   If yes, where in Japan? ____________________________
   Where and how long? ____________________________

14. Have you been to foreign countries other than Canada? Yes No
   If yes, Where and how long? ____________________________

15. Write a list of extra academic achievements or/and awards: ____________________________

16. Write a list of extra curricular achievements: ____________________________

17. Are you responsible enough to honor and cooperate with host families and to keep correspondence with the families after the trip? Yes No N/A

   I, ____________________________, certify that the above statement and the statement of purpose are true.

   ____________________________  ____________________________
   Signature                     Date

Ms. Rie Masuda, Department of CMLLC, Wayne State University
487 Manoogian Hall(313)577-3002Main office, E-mail address: ad9560@wayne.edu
INSTRUCTION FOR THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Statement of Purpose must be 150-200 words, typed and doubled spaced (in English).

The following should be included:

1) Main reason for wanting study abroad program

2) What will you benefit from the trip?

The below is required if you apply for the Department Grant

1) Reason for grant application
HOMESTAY and STUDY TOUR PROGRAM
Reference Form:

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Program Information: This program allows students to attend Summer Homestay Experience Program in Japan. The student intensifies Japanese language study by living with a Japanese family and develops more multicultural awareness by promoting cultural exchange. Oversea short-term homestay program places unusual demands on a student, requiring a greater degree of adaptability, sensitivity, maturity and self-discipline.

Please rate the applicant’s ability by circling the appropriate number.

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Q 1: What is the applicant’s strongest attribute?

Q2: What is the applicant’s liability?

Q 3: Please write your personal assessment of the applicant.

Q 4: What is your overall evaluation of this applicant with regard to her/his acceptance of participation in the Summer Homestay Program? Please circle one.

Do Not recommend    Recommend with reservation    Recommend    Strongly Recommend

1) Name of Reference: _____________________________________________
2) Title: _________________________________________________________
3) Your relationship to the applicant. ______________________________
4) The length of time you have known the applicant. __________________
5) Address:_______________________________________________________
6) Telephone Numbers: _____________________________________________
7) Email Number___________________________________________________
8) Signature:____________________________Date:______________________

Please return the completed recommendation form to the applicant in a sealed envelop, with your signature across the sealed flap.