

**Application for Student Exchange Program to
Chula Vista's Sister City
Odawara, Japan**



Odawara Castle

- Must be a resident of Chula Vista.
- Must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and attending College or College bound.
- Trip is July 21 through August 4, 2007
- Application is due no later than April 6, 2007.

Submit application to:

City of Chula Vista
International Friendship Commission
Attn: Lilia Cesena
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910
619-691-5044

APPLICATION
STUDENT EXCHANGE TO ODAWARA, JAPAN
(Chula Vista's Sister City)
Dates: July 21 through August 4, 2007

**PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK AND ATTACH THE REQUESTED ESSAY.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Application deadline Friday, April 6, 2007.

Date: _____

1. Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

School: _____ Year: _____ Full-Time Part-Time

GPA (Min 3.0) _____ Major or Primary field of study: _____

(Attach a copy of your most recent transcript.)

4. Language fluency: _____ (speak)____(read)____(write)____

_____ (speak)____(read)____(write)____

_____ (speak)____(read)____(write)____

5. Primary language spoken in your home: _____

6. Attach two letters of recommendation, one from an academic source (counselor, principal, or teacher), and one from an employer or community organization. (Include name, title and telephone number)

7. Father's name: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's name: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

8. Is there any health-related issue that would preclude you from participating in the Chula Vista International Friendship Commission student exchange program? _____

If yes, explain: _____

9. Do you have any limitations that would preclude you from participating in any physical activity associated with the student exchange program (i.e. walking or prolonged sitting on an airplane)? _____

If yes, explain: _____

10. Please provide a doctor's certification that states there are no preclusions or limitations for you to participate in the 2007 Chula Vista student exchange program.

11. Would your family be open to host a Japanese exchange student upon your return from Japan? _____

Fill out attached "Host Family Application Form".

Signature of the applicant will indicate understanding and compliance with the following prerequisites and conditions:

- a) Applicant is a resident of Chula Vista, California.
- b) Applicant is a student attending College or is College bound.
- c) Student will be between the ages of 18 and 25 on the date of departure to Japan.
- d) If selected, applicant is responsible for his/her own personal expenses. The International Friendship Commission will contribute \$500 toward airfare. While in Odawara, student will stay with a host family. Food and lodging will be provided.
- e) All selected applicants must provide 2 notarized Self Liability Release Forms.
- f) Applicants will provide his/her own official Passport.
- g) Applicant will provide his/her own medical insurance.
Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy No. _____
Verification of medical coverage while in Japan. (Short-term international insurance may be obtained from travel agent.)
- h) Applicant will provide his own medical inoculations as recommended and required by the Department of Public Health and own Physician.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

SUPPLEMENT

As a supplement to the application, each applicant must submit a typewritten essay addressing the following topics: (2-3 pages)

1. Autobiographical information including interest in school, hobbies, music, art, people and any other relevant activities. Describe your own family and social activities.
2. What is your main reason for wanting to participate in this student exchange? Who and how would you and/or someone else benefit from this trip? What expectations do you have of this trip? Of the Japanese people?
3. In what way would your participation contribute toward peace, understanding or friendship between Japan and the U.S.? Odawara and Chula Vista?

SELF LIABILITY RELEASE

Student Exchange to Odawara, Japan

Name of Student: _____

Date of departure: _____

I expressly waive, release and discharge the City Of Chula Vista, its officers, agents, commissioners, and employees or any other person from any and all liability for any death, disability, personal injury, illness (including SARS), property damage, property theft or actions, including any alleged or actual negligent act or omissions, regardless of whether such act or omission is active or passive which may accrue to myself or members of my family or our heirs in connection with my participation in the above described trip.

I expressly indemnify and hold harmless the City Of Chula Vista, it's elected and appointed officers, agents and employees from any and all liabilities or claims made by me or my heirs as a result of, or in any way related to, or arising from, the trip identified herein, of my actions in connection with my participation in this trip except for those claims arising from the sole negligence or sole willful conduct of the City, its officers, commissioners, employees, volunteers or other representatives. Such indemnification includes liability settlements, damage awards, costs and attorney fees associated with any such claims.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Host Family Application Form

Participant Information

Name _____ Home Phone: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Address _____
(Street address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Number of family members living in the home _____

Gender and ages _____

Names _____
(first names only)

Primary language(s) spoken at home _____

Family pets: _____

Accommodations:

Private room _____ Private room with bathroom _____ Shared room _____

Shared room will be shared with _____
(family member's name)

Does anyone in your home smoke? _____

Meals:

Family will provide:

Breakfast, lunch, dinner _____ Breakfast, sack lunch, dinner _____ Dinner only _____

Other _____
(specify)

Transportation:

I will be available: within a 24 hr. notice _____ during most of the student's stay in CV _____

occasionally, provide 2-3 day notice _____