



2017 JAPAN EXCHANGE

*Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and
immerse yourself in another culture!*



Curious about how the other side of the world lives?

Live with a host family in Japan and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You'll share everyday life with friends and relatives in the community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

States' 4-H Summer Program Options:



8 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates: June 14—August 10, 2017

Capacity: Maximum 17 delegates (capacity may increase)

Cost: \$3,650 plus airfare + \$50 travel agent fee

Current airfare estimate: \$1,600—\$2,500

For the **first 4 weeks**, stay with a host family in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive **Japanese language program** (for the first 4 weeks a host sibling of similar age is not guaranteed). After 4 weeks of the 8-week program, you will move to a second host family for the **regular 4-week homestay program** (see below).



4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates: July 12 - August 10, 2017

Capacity: No maximum group size

Cost: \$2,350 plus airfare + \$50 travel agent fee

Current airfare estimate: \$1,600- \$2,500

Live with a Japanese host family for the month and experience daily life. You will be placed with a host sibling of the same gender with similar age. A group camp is offered through Labo & Utrek.

Program Fees Include:

- Overnight Orientation in U.S. gateway city & in Tokyo
- Labo camp, Utrek camp, or Lex cultural excursion
- In-Japan expenses: transportation, lodging, meals
- Orientation materials and t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
- Nihongo Program fees include the 4-week Japanese language program: language learning in a classroom setting and cultural excursions outside of classroom.



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States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



"This was a life changing experience and it has truly changed my mindset on others and the world. I feel a like a different person now, in a good way, and I now have an international family!"

- States' 4-H Outbound Alumna

Timeline*:

November 1 Application & \$1,000 deposit due and payable to States 4-H Exchange and \$250.00 deposit due and payable to MO 4-H Foundation.

Mid-January: States' 4-H notifies applicants of their status
February 1: \$2,000 payment due to States' 4-H National Office
Late-February: States' 4-H books non-refundable air tickets
March 1: Medical form & passport copy due to States' 4-H Office
Spring: State orientations conducted, delegates receive States' 4-H travel handbook.
Mid to late spring: Host family placement announced
May 1: Remaining balance due to States' 4-H National Office
Summer: Students fly to a U.S. hub city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

*Some states may have earlier timelines set in order to approve documents before they are forwarded to the National Office, please check with your State Coordinator.

Who can apply:

4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be age **12-18** from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

How to apply:

Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply.

States' 4-H Policies:

- Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (air ticket is issued in Feb and is NOT refundable once issued).
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis
- State Orientation Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply

- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak Japanese?

A: No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. States' 4-H also has a group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

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