

# MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program

**STUDENT APPLICATION (Phase 1) – Due in full by February 12, 2018!**

**This completed application and all required attachments  
must be RECEIVED by February 12, 2018.**

**Submit materials online at:**

[www.asia.isp.msu.edu/hsexchange](http://www.asia.isp.msu.edu/hsexchange)

**By mail or drop off:**

Jennifer Pippin, Outreach Coordinator  
MSU's Asian Studies Center  
427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 301  
East Lansing, MI 48824

**By email:**

[pippinj1@msu.edu](mailto:pippinj1@msu.edu)

**A confirmation email will be sent when the completed application and supporting documents are received and processed.**

**Incomplete applications or applications arriving after February 12, 2018 will NOT be considered for acceptance into this program.**

**Questions? Please contact:**

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**CHECKLIST for Phase 1 Application (all due by Feb. 12, 2018):**

**\*\*See the next page for detailed instructions on each item listed below.**

- Submit the student application form
- Collect and submit recommendations (via mail or drop off) in signed envelopes OR have recommenders (1 teacher/counselor and 1 non-relative adult) email completed recommendation form to Jennifer by Feb. 12, 2018
- Submit 1 page typed essay (student-written)
- Submit ½ page parent statement
- Submit official high school transcript (scanned copy is acceptable)

## DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit the following **6 items**. Directions about how to submit these items are on page 1 of this application. Please note that ALL 6 items must be submitted for your application to be considered:

- 1) The student application form (see pages 3-8 of this form).
- 2) A one-page, typed essay (12 pt font, 1 inch margins, Times New Roman, single spaced) describing your reason for wanting to participate in the MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program and what you will bring to this experience. Tell why you are interested in Japan, nuclear science, and/or peace education and what you hope to gain from this experience.
- 3) A brief statement (maximum ½ page, following the same guidelines as above) **from a parent or guardian** on why he/she would like his/her child to participate in the MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program and what he/she hopes his/her child will gain from this experience.
- 4) One Recommendation Form filled out by **a teacher or counselor** who knows you well. Please have the form mailed to the Asian Studies Center in a sealed envelope according to the directions on the Recommendation Form attached, or have your recommender download the writable form from the Asian Studies Center website and email it directly to the program coordinator.
- 5) One Recommendation Form filled out by **another adult (non-relative)** who knows you well, preferably from a non-school connection. Please have the form mailed to the Asian Studies Center in a sealed envelope according to the directions on the Recommendation Form attached, or have your recommender download the writable form from the Asian Studies Center website and email it directly to the program coordinator.
- 6) An official high school transcript showing your high school grades, courses, and current GPA.

## NO APPLICATION FEE IS DUE WITH THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION

If you are invited to the final round in the selection process (Phase 2), then a non-refundable payment of \$100.00 will be requested towards meals and expenses of the Phase 2 event on March 31, 2018.

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## STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Preferred Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Current School Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of a second Parent/Guardian (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your School: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR INTERESTS

A. Which subjects you are studying do you find most interesting and why?

B. If planning for college, what subject area(s) are you considering as a major?

C. School related/Extracurricular activities

D. What do you like to do during your free time away from school (sports, music, hobbies, TV, work, volunteering, etc.)? Please be specific:

E. How would you describe your personality?

### III. PERSONAL HABITS and PREFERENCES

In even the most compatible family situation, the daily requirements of sharing and cooperating can require adaptability. Cultural differences can add to this need. Please answer the following questions, keeping in mind that your frankness will aid in your possible host family placement.

Do you have pets that live in your home?    Yes            No

Please name the kinds of pets and how many: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you mind if your host family has a pet in the house?    Yes            No

If yes, please describe your concerns:

Do you mind if someone in your host family smokes in the home?    Yes            No

Do you mind being paired with an exchange student of the opposite gender for a host family?    Yes    No

Do you follow a special diet?  
If so, please specify:

Are you able to be flexible with your diet while in Japan?    Yes            No

Are you willing to try fish and other Japanese foods, which may be unfamiliar to you, in order to fit in with the regular eating habits of your hosts?            Yes            No

Do you have any allergies (food or otherwise) that we should know about and accommodate for as we plan homestays, meals, and activities?

#### Other Information That Would Be Helpful in Placing You with a Host Family

What else would you like others to know about you

**IV. INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- A Have you ever lived, studied, or traveled abroad? Please describe your experiences. Specify countries visited, length of time, purpose of travel, and name of program, if any.
- B Have you ever been the guest of a family abroad? If so, please describe the circumstances
- C. Have you ever hosted an international guest in your home? If so, please describe the circumstances:
- D. What languages are spoken at your home?
- E. What foreign languages, do you speak or understand and how many years have you studied these?
- F. Please list any experiences you have with Japanese language/culture:

**V. PASSPORT and TRAVEL**

A. Do you currently have a valid U.S. Passport?    Yes    No

Passport Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a passport from another country, please provide details below:

\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

I am aware that my selection into the MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program is contingent upon the following:

- All initial application (Phase 1) materials are received by February 12, 2018.
- Acceptance into the program according to the selection procedure established by the Program Committee.
- Payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 upon acceptance into finalists' candidate pool for Phase 2 of Selection Process due March 31, 2018.
- If selected for the Phase 2 candidate pool, mandatory attendance and participation in the Exchange Explore Event on the MSU campus March 31, 2018.
- If selected as a program participant, a \$600.00 payment payable to Michigan State University is due by June 1, 2018.
- Completion and return of all necessary forms.
- Agreement to uphold standards of acceptable behavior, both Japanese and American, as a representative of MSU, my school, my state, and country. *\*Specific Program Code of Conduct to be further detailed and discussed at the Exchange Explore Event in Phase 2 of the selection process. Selected participants will also receive their own reference handbook.*

***Before you sign the following statements, please give careful consideration to the following: Students who wish to participate in this program should be open-minded, flexible, willing to accept new challenges, and ready for rewarding experiences. They should also have a strong interest in science and learning about another culture.***

I am committed to and enthusiastic about participation in the MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program, and I understand the conditions of participation established for the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I am committed to and enthusiastic about my son's/daughter's participation in the MSU Michigan-Japan High School Science Exchange Program, and I understand the conditions of participation established for the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





