

Junior Study Tour Application Guidelines for Overseas Participants and Chaperones

1. Aim

The Junior Study Tour aims to contribute to the development of overseas Okinawan society and the fostering of the next generation of leaders who will carry on the “Uchinā network”. This is accomplished by inviting youths of Okinawan descent overseas to Okinawa Prefecture to deepen bonds with their ancestral home through taking part in learning experiences on the history, culture, and nature of Okinawa together with local Okinawan students.

2. Program Details

- (1) Dates: Tuesday, July 20th to Monday, July 26th (2010) }
Arrival in Okinawa: Thursday, July 15th } (projected dates)
Return home: Tuesday, July 27th }

*** Extending the period of stay is not permitted.**

(2) Study Program

① Study of Nature

- interact with nature as well as the plant and animal life of Okinawa while learning about their importance

② Study of History

- visit Okinawan historical sites and come in touch with the history and adventurous spirit of the age when Okinawa was known as the Ryūkyū Kingdom

③ Firsthand Experience with Traditional Crafts and Performing Arts

- experience firsthand the traditional crafts and performing arts of Okinawa

④ Study of Peace

- visit historical battlegrounds in Okinawa and reflect on the meaning of peace

⑤ Study of Society

- learn about the current condition of Okinawa by touring the Okinawa Prefectural Government Building and taking a walk down *Kokusai-dōri* (International Street)

3. Projected Number of Participants: 21 (overseas participants)

<u>Projected</u> breakdown (reference)		
Central & South America (9)	North America (8)	Asia (2)
Brazil 3 (including 1 from Campo Grande)	Canada 2	Phillipines 1
Argentina 2	America 6	Other Asian countries 1
Peru 2	Europe & Africa (1)	Oceania (1)
Bolivia 1	Europe } 1	New Caledonia 1
Cuba 1	Africa }	

Overseas chaperones: 5

Okinawan participants: 21

Total: roughly 47

4. Requirements for Participants

(1) Eligible Applicants:

- ① those of Okinawan descent
- ② those who have not participated in the Junior Study Tour before
- ③ high school students between the ages of 15 and 18
 - * Where possible, priority will be given to applicants who have never visited Okinawa in the past

(2) Requirements

- ① be in good health and capable of living and operating in a group
- ② be recognized by the chairman or president of the *kenjinkai* as a leader who will carry on the “Uchinā network”
- ③ be able to and comfortable with bathing in a public bath (as lodging facilities with no private showers will be used)
- ④ have relatives in Okinawa and be able to homestay with them from the projected arrival date (July 15th) until the day before the tour begins (July 19th), as well as from July 25th to the 26th
 - * We ask that the *kenjinkai* or the participant make homestay arrangements themselves.

(3) Language Proficiency

While there is no restriction in particular, it is preferred that applicants have a certain level of Japanese language ability in order to have a worthwhile and meaningful time on the Tour.

(4) Roundtrip Travel Expenses

The Okinawa Prefectural Government will cover the cost of:

- airfare from a designated airport in the participant's home country to Naha Airport
- fees required for connecting travel within Japan.

(5) Tour Expenses

The Okinawa Prefectural Government will cover the cost of accommodation and meals (not including meals at one's homestay), as well as facility admission fees for the duration of the Tour.

(6) Documents to Submit

① Name List of Candidates for Participation on the Junior Study Tour [Form 1]

② Recommendation (filled out by *kenjinkai* Chairman/President) [Form 2]

③ Statement [Form 3]

Topic (choose one):

- "what I hope to accomplish on the Junior Study Tour"
- "why I should be selected"

Length: one page (A4 or 8½ x 11 inch size)

* We ask that **the *kenjinkai* attach a Japanese translation** upon submission.

5. Requirements for Chaperones

(1) Roles

Chaperones are responsible for **traveling together with the youths, as well as serving as language interpreters and members of the Tour staff** during travel to and from Okinawa and throughout the duration of the Tour.

(2) Requirements

- ① be in good health and capable of living and operating in a group
 - ② **be able to speak both the language of one's home country and Japanese, and be capable of interpreting/translating between the two languages**
 - ③ **possess the physical strength to participate in the entirety of the Tour**
 - ④ **have experience traveling overseas and be familiar with various procedures at connecting airports**
 - ⑤ be able to and comfortable with bathing in a public bath (as lodging facilities with no private showers will be used)
 - ⑥ have relatives in Okinawa and be able to homestay with them from the projected arrival date (July 15th) until the day before the tour begins (July 19th), as well as from July 25th to the 26th
- * We ask that the *kenjinkai* or the participant make homestay arrangements themselves.

(3) Roundtrip Travel Expenses

The Okinawa Prefectural Government will cover **half** the cost of the total of:

- airfare from a designated airport in the participant's home country to Naha Airport
- fees required for connecting travel within Japan.

(7) Tour Expenses

The Okinawa Prefectural Government will cover the cost of accommodation and meals (not including meals at one's homestay), as well as facility admission fees for the duration of the Tour.

* The above concerns requirements for chaperones. Regarding recommendations for chaperones, as there are matters to consider such as participating *kenjinkai* and number of participants, **we will contact those *kenjinkai* that we have selected to submit recommendations at a later date.**

Name List of Candidates for Participation on the Junior Study Tour

Name of <i>Kenjinkai</i>			
Person in Charge			
E-mail		Fax	

Name of Candidate			
Date of Birth		Age	
Gender		Nationality	
Generation of Japanese Ancestry		Number of Previous Visits to Okinawa	

* Please fill in the name of a candidate recommended by your *kenjinkai* who fulfills the “Requirements for Participants” detailed under heading 4 of the attached “Junior Study Tour Application Guidelines for Overseas Participants and Chaperones”

*** Please be aware that this stage is only the recommending of candidates and is not a final decision. We will send notification at a later date regarding which applicants have been officially selected.**

Topic (choose one): ▪ “what I hope to accomplish on the Junior Study Tour”
▪ “why I should be selected”

Name:

* The kenjinkai is requested to **attach a Japanese translation of this statement.**