

Application Packet

Pendleton Cultural Foundation Youth Exchange

Minamisoma, Japan 2016

Your submission to the ASPIRE office at the Pendleton High School should include:

1. The Application and Supplemental Information forms from this packet
2. An up-to-date resume with information relative to activities, leadership, and employment (if applicable).
3. The Program Rules and Conditions form, which must be signed by at least one parent or legal guardian.

ADDITIONALLY, two (2) Confidential School References must be returned to the ASPIRE office directly from the teachers, counselors or other education professionals who fill out the form.

From the applications submitted, only 10-12 students will earn an interview, so we encourage you to do your best work. Up to six of the interviewed students will be chosen to represent Pendleton in the Youth Exchange. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jill Gregg at the Pendleton High School ASPIRE office, (jill.gregg@pendleton.k12.or.us, 541-966-3846)

Completed applications must be received by the ASPIRE office by 3:30 pm, Thursday, December 17, 2015.

Application for the Minamisoma, Japan Youth Exchange

Print this application and fill it out using legible handwriting, or download and fill it out electronically. Make sure to sign in ink. All dates are month/day/year. **Read the instructions.**

Applicant

Family Name/Legal Name	First/Given Name	Want to be called	Sex (M/F)	
Street Address	City	State/Province	Country of Residence	Postal Code
Date of Birth (yr/mo/day)	City of Birth	State/Province of Birth	County of Birth	
Citizen of (Country)	Home Telephone	E-mail Address		

I, as the above applicant, hereby state that I understand the importance of the role of a youth ambassador as a Minamisoma Youth Exchange Student, have read and agree to abide by the program rules and conditions of exchange detailed on page six of this application and will, to the best of my ability, maintain the high standards required of a youth ambassador should I be chosen to represent my school, community, state, and country. I further state that all the material contained in this application and documents attached hereto are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date (month/day/year) _____

Parents/Legal Guardian

Natural Father's Name/Legal Guardian	Natural Mother's Name/Legal Guardian		
Address	Address		
Occupation	Business Telephone	Occupation	Business Telephone
Home Telephone	Emergency Telephone	Home Telephone	Emergency Telephone
Fax	E-mail	Fax	E-mail

Supplemental Information

Keep your responses to all questions to three sheets of paper (8 1/2 in x 11 in). Answer each question in detail.

1. What are your future plans and ambitions concerning your education and future career? Why?
2. What do you specifically hope to accomplish and learn as an Exchange Student?
3. We all dislike certain things. List those things which you dislike. (e.g., What kind of foods, certain animals, certain treatment by other people, etc.)
4. List what you feel are your strong characteristics.
5. List what you feel are your weak characteristics.
6. Identify four major issues confronting youth today. Select what you feel is the one major issue and tell us why it is of personal concern.
7. Describe a time in your life when you were in an uncomfortable situation and how you dealt with it.
8. What impression of Pendleton and America in general do you hope to make on the people you meet in Japan? How will you do that?
9. How do you think you can share the knowledge you will learn in Japan with the people and/or students in Pendleton?

Name of Evaluator (please print)

Signature

Telephone

Date (mo/day/yr)

Confidential School Reference

Do not return to student

Student: Please complete the top line of this form. Then give this form to a teacher, guidance counselor or some other adult from the school who knows you well. By doing so, you hereby give permission to the school to release this information to the Minamisoma City Youth Exchange committee for their review.

Evaluator: Thank you for completing this form. The student whose name is listed below is applying for a three-week educational study program abroad under the Minamisoma City Youth Exchange sponsorship. **Please place your completed recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it within seven days to Jill Gregg in the ASPIRE office.** The information you provide will be kept confidential.

The information will be used only in the selection process and will be destroyed thereafter.

Name of Applicant _____ Address of Applicant _____ Signature of Applicant _____ Date (mo/day/yr) _____

Name of School _____ Address of School _____

Ratings:

Please rate the student in each of the following areas. Compared to other students of the same age please indicate with an "X" how you would rate the applicant in terms of academic skills and potential.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Average or below (Above average)</u>	<u>Good (Top 10%)</u>	<u>Excellent (Top 2-3%)</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>No Basis</u>
Ability to work well in a group					
Independence, initiative					
Intellectual ability					
Emotional stability					
Academic achievement					
Openness to new ideas					
Flexibility and adaptability					
Ability to communicate					
Potential for growth					
Disciplined habits					
Participation					

Recommendation:

In summary, I would recommend this student in the following category as a future Minamisoma City Youth Exchange Student.

not recommended without enthusiasm fairly strongly strongly enthusiastically

Please call me, I would like to discuss this student and/or the exchange program with you.

Name of Evaluator (please print)

Signature

Telephone

Date (mo/day/yr)

Program Rules and Conditions for Parents and Students

Parents: Read through this information sheet, then sign and have your student return it with their completed application.

The exchange program to Japan is almost a full year experience. It starts in the winter with the selection of the students and chaperone. The group will decide on a number of fundraising activities to help raise money to offset the costs of the trip. These activities will continue through June.

In July, the group goes to Japan for 2-3 weeks, where they are treated like royalty and participate in the experience of a lifetime. The students from Japan will come to Pendleton for 2-3 weeks in August. Some time is needed to write thank you notes to individuals and organizations who supported the student's experience, and your student may be asked to participate in presentations to local service clubs who supported the exchange.

It costs an average of \$1250 per student and chaperone for this exchange. Each student is asked to personally raise, either through family resources or through additional fundraising work, \$200 towards the total, IN ADDITION to participating in the group fundraising activities. The chaperone and members of the Pendleton Cultural Foundation will organize the fundraising program each year. Activities may include, but are not limited to, car washes, craft sales, dinner auctions, and solicitations to service organizations and businesses. Pendleton Cultural Foundation has scholarships available for any selected student for whom cost would be a barrier to participation. While food and lodging are provided by our host city, students are encouraged to plan to take spending money for gifts for family and extras such as beverages and treats.

Student/Family responsibilities include:

1. Attending regular meetings weekly or monthly, as needed, with the chaperone, prior exchange students and members of the Pendleton Cultural Foundation.
2. Participating in fundraising activities
3. Signing and returning a "Consent to Travel" form (provided by chaperone).
4. If your family is able to host a Japanese student in August (recommended but not required), you may be asked to:
 - a. Pick up students from Portland Airport (PDX)
 - b. Transport students to excursions in Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, Hermiston,

Wallowa Lake, or other regional destinations, as well as Pendleton locations.

By signing this form you acknowledge that you understand the responsibilities associated with participation in this exchange.

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Parent Signature

Date