



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

"Opening Minds and Hearts in Friendship"

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The 30th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka, Japan sponsored in part by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) (July 12 - 24, 2018)

****DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED AT
THE JASH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017 ****

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The Japan-America Society of Hawaii is looking for applicants to participate in the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan scheduled for July 12 - 24, 2018. JASH will select six students born between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007 (three boys and three girls) as Junior Ambassadors (JAs) to interact with over 200 children from over 40 different Asian-Pacific countries and regions. The JAs will spend approximately seven days with a Japanese host family and five days at the APCC global youth camp. It is hoped that through participation in the APCC, students will build a network of mutual understanding as they meet and make friends with others who look and speak differently than themselves. The vision of the APCC is to generate appreciation for the cultures of other nations and regions with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and friendship, to nurture international awareness in young people, and finally to realize world peace and co-existence through these activities.

CHECKLIST and APPLICATION FORM

All items listed below must be submitted together in one packet and mailed directly to the JASH Office. No email applications or recommendations will be accepted.

- 1) Please read through the following checklist and information below. Please check off each item, sign, and submit the signature page of this checklist with your application. **In addition to your signature, one parent and the principal of your school must sign the form.**
- 2) STUDENTS - Please clearly **PRINT** in blue or black **pen** the information requested on the application form (pages 8 - 11 of this packet). Limit your responses to the front and back of the form only. Do not submit additional sheets.
- 3) Please paper clip a wallet or passport size photo (maximum size 3" x 3") to your application. Please note, photo will not be returned.
- 4) Please give TWO teachers the attached recommendation forms to complete. One teacher must be your current homeroom teacher and the other may also be a current teacher or any other that you have had within the past two years. Please note, the two teachers cannot be a relative of the applicant. Please write the names of the two teachers here:

_____ and _____

Once the forms have been completed, your teachers have been instructed to sign the form and place it in a sealed envelope before returning it to you. You must submit the two sealed envelopes containing your teacher recommendation letters with your application directly to the JASH office by the deadline in order to be considered.

PARTICIPATION CHECK LIST

Please read and check off each item, sign and submit the page of this checklist (page 5) with your APCC application. You may keep pages 1 - 4 for your information. In order for students to be eligible to participate as Junior Ambassadors for the 30th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan, the following criteria must be met:

- To have been born between **September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007;**
- To be of healthy body and mind;
- To be able to take any and all medications by him/herself if he/she has any regulated health issues;
- To be interested in the exchange of cultures between children from countries and regions in Asia and the Pacific;
- To have a curiosity and an interest in the Japanese way of life/culture and be willing to actively experience it;
- To be willing to try to eat Japanese food without hesitation;
- To be independent and mature enough to be away from his/her parents in an unfamiliar country with a different culture for two weeks;
- To be willing to live with a Japanese host family;
- To be able to introduce their own cultures to others in Japan;
- To participate in activities of Bridge Club Hawaii (APCC alumni association) before and after the APCC trip;
- To adhere to the **RULES** as listed below:
 - Do not ask the host family to take you on specific sightseeing activities or shopping
 - **Except for emergencies, parents/relatives should NOT call or email their child at their host family during his/her home stay in Japan. Neither should the child call or email their parents/relatives.**
 - Parents/Relatives cannot accompany their child to/from Fukuoka.
 - Do not leave your delegation during the travel to and from Fukuoka and while in Fukuoka.
 - Adhere to the host family's rules and schedule during the home stay.
 - Do not engage in activities whose purpose differs from that of the APCC, such as commercial transactions (e.g. activities for monetary gain).
 - Must sign "Parental Consent/Media Release Waiver of Liability" form if selected.
- If selected as a Junior Ambassador, he/she must have their pediatrician fill out a medical certificate (supplied by the APCC office after selections have been made) attesting that the child has no medical condition that would preclude him/her from traveling abroad and/or participating in this program.

- If selected as a Junior Ambassador, a full commitment must be made to **attend every workshop**. The only exception would be a family emergency. Sports and other extracurricular conflicts are not permissible excuses. Missing a workshop may lead to disqualification. Students who are late or do not complete homework assignments on time may be penalized and/or disqualified. JASH reserves the right to dismiss any JA from the program at its discretion.

- Please note, due to the high volume of applications received, JASH will select which applicants are invited to interview for the program. Notification of this selection will be via a hardcopy letter which will be mailed to all applicants.**

Tentative 30th APCC Workshop and Events Schedule (subject to change):

NOTE: The mandatory interview date will be Saturday, January 20, 2018.

1. February 10, 2018
 2. March 10, 2018
 3. April 14, 2018
 4. May 5 – 6, 2018 (Overnight at Camp)
 5. May 19, 2018 (Visitor Industry Charity Walk)
 6. June 9, 2018
 7. July 7, 2018
 - July 12 – July 24, 2018 (APCC trip to Fukuoka)**
 8. July 28, 2018
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- The following expenses **will be** covered by the APCC/JASH:
 - Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and Honolulu International Airport;
 - Accommodation fees for hotels in Japan or abroad as designated by the APCC;
 - Transportation fees within Japan as designated by the APCC or host families;
 - Meals during the entire stay in Fukuoka;
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp (approximately \$55);
 - Expenses for excursion to *Don Quixote* (during June workshop).

 - The following expenses **will NOT** be covered by the APCC/JASH (will be covered by the parents):
 - Expenses incurred obtaining a passport and/or visa;
 - Transportation fees between the participants' homes and workshops/events/Honolulu International Airport;
 - Daily allowances and any other personal expenses (e.g. shopping, gifts) for the JAs;
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp (\$55).
 - APCC Registration fee (\$25)
 - Business cards (~\$25)
 - Cost of hula outfits;
 - Matching T-shirts for Japan.
 - Visitor Industry Charity Walk student participation fee (\$25)

 - For applicants and selected Junior Ambassadors NOT residing on Oahu:**
 - Student must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for the interview. If selected, student must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for the workshops and must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

- The following is the scope of the insurance for injury and illness:

- The APCC will purchase a travel insurance policy for each participant;
- The insurance will cover the participants for all injuries and illnesses incurred during the trip;
- The coverage will begin when the participants leave Honolulu International Airport and runs continuously until they arrive back at Honolulu International Airport upon completion of the APCC;
- Dental treatment and pre-existing conditions, such as asthma, are **NOT** covered by this insurance policy. Thus, these expenses will need to be covered by the individual, not by the APCC. NOTE: If your child suffers from any type of recurring illness, such as asthma, it is a good idea to have him/her bring his own medical insurance card to Japan.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SIGNED PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

By signing below, I state that I have read and understand all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist to serve as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2018.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

By signing below, I state that I have read and understand that my child is applying to be a Junior Ambassador and that he/she meets all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist. If selected, my child will attend every workshop to help train him/her to serve as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2018.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

By signing below, I state that the above child is in good standing at (name of school):

_____ and I give him/her my full recommendation to apply as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2018.

Signature of Principal

Date

JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII'S JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #1 (Your current homeroom teacher)

Your student, _____ is applying to be one of six JASH Junior Ambassadors (JA) to the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan in July 2018. As a JA, he/she will participate in six monthly workshops starting in February 2018 that will help prepare him/her for the trip to Fukuoka to take part in the APCC. The JAs will spend about one week with a Japanese host family and five days at the APCC global youth camp. The vision of the APCC is to generate appreciation for the cultures of other nations and regions with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and friendship, to nurture international awareness in young people, and finally to realize world peace and co-existence through these activities.

Answer the following questions about your student (you may print your answers below or type on a separate page):

1. Why would this student be a good representative of Hawaii if she/he is selected as a JASH Junior Ambassador?

2. Please give examples of how this student has either been a leader or a good team player in your classroom.

3. Please write any additional comments that you would like us to know about this student.

If selected as a semifinalist, someone from the JASH office may contact you to discuss this student. Please provide the best phone number to reach you as well as an email address.

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please sign and return this letter in a sealed envelope to your student so that he/she may mail it in with their Junior Ambassador application to the JASH office before December 15, 2017.

Teacher's Name

Date

Teacher's Signature

Grade/Subject

If you have any questions about the APCC program, please contact Elizabeth Stanton-Barrera at ebarrera@jashawaii.org or 808-524-4450.

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #2 (A current teacher or one within the past two years)

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APPLICATION FORM

Please **paper clip** the
applicant's photo here.

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____ School Phone: _____

How did you hear about the APCC Junior Ambassador program? _____

Note: Students, please legibly **HAND WRITE** all responses to the questions on this application in **BLUE or BLACK INK (not pencil)**. All responses must be completed by the student applicant.

1. Briefly introduce yourself. (Ex: Family, School, Hobbies, etc.)

2. Have you ever eaten any Japanese food? What would you do if you were asked to try a food that you had never eaten before and you didn't know what it was?

3. Why do you want to go to Japan?

4. What do you like to do in your free time? (Ex. Hobbies, Sports, Interests, etc.)

5. How would you feel about living with a Japanese host family for at least 7 (seven) days in Fukuoka?

6. If you were talking with a foreign student your age, how would you describe Hawaii and/or the United States of America?

7. If you are selected, how will you create a team and bond with your fellow Hawaii Junior Ambassadors?

8. How would you communicate with someone who doesn't speak English?

9. Why do you feel you would make a good Junior Ambassador?