



2020 JAPAN EXCHANGE

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



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth leadership programs in other countries? Live with a host family in Japan and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You will share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

8 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates: June 10—August 6, 2020

Capacity: Maximum 20 delegates

Cost: \$3,875 + airfare estimate (\$1,700 - \$2,600) + \$50 travel agent fee
(Airfare varies based on applicant's location)

For the **first 4 weeks**, stay with a host family (*host sibling not guaranteed*) in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive **Japanese language Nihongo program**. In the second 4 weeks, you will be placed with a host sibling of the same gender and of a similar age. A group camp is offered through Labo and cultural excursions are offered by LEX.

4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates: July 8 - August 6, 2020

Capacity: Maximum 30 delegates

Cost: \$2,725 + airfare estimate (\$1,700 - \$2,600) + \$50 travel agent fee
(Airfare varies based on applicant's location)

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 and of a similar age. A group camp is offered through Labo and cultural excursions are offered by LEX. Program

Program Timeline*:

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| December 1: | Application & first deposit due to States 4-H Office** (\$2,000 for 8-week & \$1,500 for 4-week) |
| January: | States' 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance |
| February 1: | Second deposit due to States' 4-H Office (\$2,000 for 8-week & \$1,500 for 4-week) |
| Late-February: | States' 4-H issues air tickets |
| March 1: | Medical form & passport copy due to States' 4-H Office |
| Spring: | State orientations |
| April 15: | Third & final payment due to States' 4-H Office |
| Late Spring: | States' 4-H Group Conference Call |
| Summer: | Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight. |

**Some states may have an earlier timeline set in order to approve documents before they are forwarded to the National Office.*

***First payment check will not be deposited until applicant is accepted in January.*

Program Fees Include:

- Overnight National Orientation in U.S. gateway city & in Tokyo
- Labo camp or LEX cultural excursions
- In-Japan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
- 8 Week Program fees include the 4-week Japanese Nihongo language program: language learning in a classroom setting and cultural excursions outside of classroom.*

**Lunch not included on weekdays during language classes (\$7-10/day).*



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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

Who can apply:

4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be between ages **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 and learn about your local deadlines and to access the application.

States' 4-H Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * Before January 31, 2020: \$300 cancellation fee. The remaining amount of first program deposit will be refunded
 - * January 31 - February 15, 2020: Cancellation will equal 100% of first program deposit
 - * After February 15, 2020: No refund of paid deposits
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- No donor checks are accepted by the States' 4-H Office; donors must send checks directly to the delegate
- 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 is certainly 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. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

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