

Summer Student Exchange Scholarship Opportunity

Springfield Sister Cities Association
2400 South Scenic Avenue
Springfield, MO 65807

Dear Students and Parents,

Springfield Sister Cities Association offers scholarships to the students who participate in the summer student exchange to Isesaki, Japan. If students are awarded for the scholarship, students will possibly receive up to \$1,000 which will be counted toward the trip cost. The association welcomes the students who are actively involved in exchanging and promoting culture and friendship between the two cities, Springfield and Isesaki.

It is highly recommended that applicants have experience in serving the association in the effort to promote the friendship with our sister city. We encourage students to be involved in the Japanese Fall Festival, the Kite Festival, and Isesaki Summer Leadership Academy (in late May) in conjunction with Missouri State University prior to the trip. If students believe that he or she meets this qualification, please apply for this scholarship. In addition to the service experience in the association, student's ability to communicate in Japanese language is also considered. Please attach a link to a language demo video to show his/her communication ability in Japanese.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the application form
2. Attach a letter of intention
3. Submit before December 15th, 2023

*If a student decides to withdraw from the trip after the scholarship was awarded, the fund will be returned to the association.

You can mail your application form and the letter of intention to the following address:

Springfield Sister Cities Association
(Student Summer Exchange)
2400 South Scenic Avenue
Springfield, MO 65807

Sincerely,

Kazumi Holcomb
Trip Coordinator
Springfield Sister Cities Association

Student Exchange Trip 2024 Scholarship Application Form

Student Name _____ Age _____

Student Contact Information:

Phone _____ Email _____

History/Plan of Service:

*Mark everything you have been involved:

1. Please describe your service experience with Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA) in the past few years. List the events you volunteered and provide details about your role during the service. This could include hosting experience.
2. Introduce yourself **in Japanese orally**. Please attach a link to the video of yourself speaking in Japanese. This video should be less than 2 minutes long.
*record the video and upload it to YouTube. Submit the link to the video.

Two professional references:

1. Name _____ Email _____

Relationship to the student _____

2. Name _____ Email _____

Relationship to the student _____

Attach your letter of intention including your reason to visit our sister city and how you could contribute to our city's effort to deepen the friendship with Isesaki.