

**City of Rohnert Park  
Sister City Relations Committee  
5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA 94928**

**Rohnert Park Student Ambassador Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION:**

- Applicant should be a City of Rohnert Park resident; currently a high school student; and able to travel to Japan during spring break 2020 for an estimated 10-day home stay. Target dates are March 14-March 22, 2020 (dates may move forward or back by a day or two).
- Hashimoto Student Ambassador(s) will travel to the United States with the Rohnert Park Student Ambassador on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hashimoto Student Ambassador(s) will enjoy Rohnert Park from March 22, 2020-March 30, 2020.
- Student must have a valid passport and must be age 16 by time of travel.
- Itinerary while in Japan will be arranged by the Hashimoto Sister City Committee.
- Japanese language proficiency is **NOT** a prerequisite.
- The Sister City Committee will pay the roundtrip airfare to Japan for the chosen Ambassador, but there will be small additional costs that arise for which the Ambassador's family will be responsible (for example, spending money and small host gifts for the family).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

- **Please submit this Student Ambassador Application, the Personal Statement, and two Recommendation Forms: one from a teacher, faculty member or administrator, and one from an adult in the community who is not related to you (for example: coach, mentor, clergy, neighbor, etc.)**
- **Applications are due October 11 and should be turned in at the Rohnert Park Community Center.**
- **First round interview, individual, October 25.**
- **Second round interview, with family, November 14.**
- **Students must have a valid passport and 16 years old by the time of travel.**

The **Personal Statement** should be 500 words or less, and should be typewritten on a separate sheet of paper. Please address the following in your statement:

1. Tell us about yourself. What organizations, committees, and activities are you involved in in school and in our community?
2. Why do you want to be a Student Ambassador to our Sister City of Hashimoto, Japan?
3. What would you want to share about our community with the people of Hashimoto?
4. Although it is not required, some of our Student Ambassador families have enjoyed hosting the student sent in return from Hashimoto, Japan. Would your family be able or willing to do so? Would your family be interested in being involved in some activities?

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

The Student Ambassador will be chosen after final interviews have been completed. Applicants will be judged on:

- Evidence of the personal qualities essential for adjustment to another culture, such as flexibility, curiosity, confidence, open-mindedness, sense of humor, and a desire to be challenged
- Written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated motivation for a cross-cultural experience

All other things being equal, priority will be given to a student attending a high school located in Rohnert Park. Due to the number of applications, we will be unable to provide specific feedback on individual applicants.

Upon returning from Japan, the Student Ambassador may be expected to present about his or her experience in Japan at a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. A presentation to the Sister City Committee will happen first.

If you have any questions about the application and interview process, please contact Amanda Foley at 707-585-6784.

**LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER**

**CONSENT TO TREAT:**

I hereby give my consent to have the above applicant treated by a physician or surgeon in case of sudden illness or injury while participating in the above event. It is understood that the City of Rohnert Park provides no medical insurance for such treatment, and that the cost thereof will be at my expense. If a personal physician is listed below, every effort will be made to contact such physician. However, the location of the activity or the nature of the illness or injury may require the use of emergency medical personnel.

If you do not give your consent to treat and request that medical or surgical services be withheld, please initial box at left.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:**

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for any Community Services classes/activities, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of participation in said event. This release is intended to discharge in advance the City of Rohnert Park, its officers, employees or agents from liability, unless the cause of the accident/loss is the sole negligence of the city, its officers, employees or agents. It is understood that some recreational activities involve an element of risk or danger of accidents, and knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks. It is further understood and agreed that this waiver, release and assumption of risk is to be binding on my heirs and assigns.

**PARENTAL CONSENT:***(To be completed for applicants under 18 years of age)*

I give my consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in Community Services classes/activities, and I execute the above liability release on his/her behalf.

**READ BEFORE SIGNING**

I have read and understood the foregoing liability release form, parental consent and consent to treat forms, and agree to all of their terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature X\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature X\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_