

Kelso Sister City Student Exchange Application and Profile

Established in 1994, the Kelso-Makinohara Student Exchange is a home-stay program open to up to 10 students each year. The exchange takes place during July and August. Kelso students travel first to Japan and stay 10 days with host families. At the end of their stay in Japan they return with their Makinohara student to spend 10 days in their homes.

Exchange students must:

- Be committed to regular meetings, fundraising activities and all events held leading up to and during the exchanges
- Be a host family for a Makinohara student or provide an alternative Kelso host family for the exchange student
 - Obtain a passport acceptable for international travel
 - Submit all funds required for travel before the deadline
 - Agree to home inspections
- Agree to background checks for all adult household members

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Applicant name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Medical Insurance:

Policy Name and Number: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Do you manage your medications by yourself? _____

Family (List all members living at this address)

Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Father/Guardian Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Please explain why you would like to participate in the Kelso Sister City Exchange Program:

What do you fee you can contribute to foster closer relationships between the people os Kelso and the people of Makinohara?

Have you had previous experience with the Japanese culture?

Does any one in the house speak any level of Japanese? _____

Have you ever traveled abroad? If yes where? _____

Are there any foods that you will not eat? _____

Do you have any medical issues that would interfere with or prohibit full participation in the exchange?

List all clubs and activities that you are involved in. Include school, church, and community activities:

Is there anything else you can tell us about yourself?

Please attach the following to this application:

- Two letters of recommendation from authoritative adults in your life such as a church rector, teacher, school counselor or administrator
- A copy of each of your last trimester or semester grade reports
- A complete list of any adult living in the home at the time of the exchange who will be 18 years of age or older. Each of these people will need to submit to a background check prior t applicants acceptance to the program.

Selection:

The selection committee will review all applications. Applicants who pass the paper application will also have to pass a family interview and home inspection to determine final selection.

