

TEACHER APPLICATION

NEW PERSPECTIVES: JAPAN (NP:J)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, November 24, 2008.**

Photocopy this application as needed or download and print the pdf version from www.newperspectivesprogram.org

Note: Due to U.S. Department of Homeland Security requirements, our travel agent must submit to airlines copies of all NP:J participants' passport photo pages 60 days prior to departure. Therefore, your group's passport copies must be post-marked to NP:J by March 16, 2009. Any copies received late will require special administrative attention thereby incurring a \$50 late fee. (Please see *Important Details* document.)

TEACHER DATA:

FULL LEGAL NAME AS WILL APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT:

Title Mr. Miss Ms. Mrs. Dr. Rev. Gender M F
Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
Home Address (Street) _____
City/State/Zip or Postal _____
Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____
Is this your first time taking students to Japan? Yes No
What subject(s) do you teach? _____

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS: (This is where all NP:J group mailings will be sent unless otherwise instructed.)

School Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
School Phone () _____ School Fax () _____
Your Email _____ School Website Address _____
Nearest Major or Regional Airport to Your School _____
Spring Break Dates _____, 2009 to _____, 2009
Last Day of School _____, 2009 After this date, specify how NP:J should contact you: _____
Do you wish to receive NP:J information via postal mail or email (as pdf files)? Please circle your preference: Postal Mail Email

STUDY THEME SELECTION:

New Perspectives: Japan is a three-phase study abroad program which is customized to suit your interests. That means that you and your students will contribute to the creation of your NP:J experience. Customization of your NP:J experience begins when you and your school group choose one of the seven NP:J study themes offered this year.

The NP:J Study Theme our school group has chosen is (*check one box*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Episodes in Japanese History: The Shaping of National Identity and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Japan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Religion and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploring Everyday Economics In Japan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Art, Architecture, and Cuisine | <input type="checkbox"/> Discovering Your Japanese Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Contemporary Society | |

TOUR DATE PREFERENCE:

Please rank your tour date preferences (*dates are tentative*):

- ___ Tour 1: June 4 - 19, 2009
___ Tour 2: June 11 - 26, 2009 (Limited to schools whose sister cities or sister schools have agreed to host at this time.)
___ Tour 3: July 9 - 24, 2009 (School visits during this time cannot be guaranteed due to the Japanese academic calendar.)

Each tour is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the first choice tour is oversubscribed, your group will be placed in the next tour date choice available. Conversely, if a tour does not attract a certain number of participants, the tour may be cancelled.

SEE REVERSE SIDE

J-CORPS, JR. HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT:

If you are hosting a J-corps, Jr. high school exchange student, would you like us to ask whether it is possible for your exchange student's school to host you and your group during the homestay/host school visit portion of the NP:J experience? Yes No

SISTER SCHOOL OR SISTER CITY INFORMATION:

Name of Sister School/City _____ Contact Person _____

Sister School/City Address _____

City _____ Prefecture _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Which NP:J Tour Date is your sister school's or sister city's preference? _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

In consideration of acceptance and participation in the NP:J program, I, _____, agree and consent as follows:

- I have read and fully understand the document entitled *Important Details* with special attention to the sections on Additional Fees and Cancellation Refund Policies and NP:J Rules for Participant Behavior. I understand that as the chaperoning teacher, it is my responsibility to meet regularly with my students to ensure that they are prepared for the study tour and behave appropriately while participating in NP:J.
- The Laurasian Institution (TLI) will not be held liable for any of the actions or negligence of any third parties including, but not limited to, commercial airlines, hotels, and restaurants.
- TLI, the host school, and host family are not and will not be held liable for any injuries to me or my possessions.
- TLI is not responsible for providing insurance coverage of any kind during the NP: J program. I understand and agree that I am responsible for my own insurance including, but not limited to, health, travel, and life insurance. Furthermore, I understand that I am required to have and show proof of health insurance coverage abroad for the duration of my NP:J tour.
- Any and all debts incurred by me during this program including, but not limited to, medical, dental, and hospital bills, are my own responsibility and will not be paid by TLI.
- TLI reserves the right to change or alter travel, lodging, or other arrangements without notice or reason.
- TLI may remove me from the program at any time for reasons TLI deems sufficient including, but not limited to, my health, attitude, or behavior. I understand that expenses incurred for such removal are my responsibility and must be paid by me immediately upon demand.
- I am of sound physical and mental condition and have no medical problems or disabilities that have not been set forth in writing attached hereto or which would make participation in this program inadvisable. Furthermore, I understand that extensive walking and stair climbing are part of everyday Japanese life and culture, and I will be physically and mentally prepared for extensive walking and stair climbing.
- All costs that are not explicitly included in the program are my own responsibility.
- Photos taken of me during the course of the tour may be uploaded to the NP:J website and used in promotional materials.
- Due to scheduling difficulties beyond NP:J's control, homestay families may not be confirmed until days prior to your departure for Japan. NP:J will, of course, make every effort to encourage host families to submit their information in a timely manner.
- I understand that if I request a Japanese volunteer to accompany my group during any portion of the NP:J tour, there will be a charge of \$250-500 per volunteer depending on the number of days and specific responsibilities. This fee may be paid by me or divided among my students.
- I understand that all passport copies for my group must be postmarked to NP:J by March 16, 2009.

The signed applications, down payments (*please make sure that participants' full names are on checks to ensure proper crediting*), and scholarship materials (*if applicable*) are enclosed. I have also read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.

Signature of Teacher _____ Date _____

Mail this form, your students' signed applications, and down payments to:

The Laurasian Institution, Attn: NP:J, 12345 Lake City Way NE, #151, Seattle, WA 98125

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