



2018 JAPAN EXCHANGE

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



Curious about how the other side of the world lives?

Live with a host family in Japan and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

You'll 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 13—August 9, 2018

Capacity: Maximum 17 delegates (capacity may increase)

Cost: \$3,750 plus airfare + \$50 travel agent fee

Current airfare estimate: \$1,700—\$2,600

For the **first 4 weeks**, stay with a host family (a host sibling is not guaranteed) in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive **Japanese language Nihongo program**. 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 & Utrek.

4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Dates: July 11 - August 9, 2018

Capacity: No maximum group size

Cost: \$2,450 plus airfare + \$50 travel agent fee

Current airfare estimate: \$1,600- \$2,600

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 & Utrek.

Program Timeline*:

December 1:	Application & \$2,000 first payment due to States 4-H Office
January:	States' 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance
February 1:	Second payment 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. First and second payments pay for airfare and part of the program fee.

Program Fees Include:

- Overnight National Orientation in U.S. gateway city & in Tokyo
- Labo camp, Utrek camp, or Lex cultural excursion
- In-Japan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Orientation materials and t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
- Nihongo Program fees include the 4-week Japanese 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.

Cancellation & States' 4-H Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * Before January 31, 2018: \$300 cancellation fee. The remaining \$1,700 of the first payment will be refunded.
 - * After January 31, 2018: No refunds issued.
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued (airline credit may apply)
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply
- 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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