



1. How much will the trip cost?

- a. The trip will be between \$1,500-\$2,000 which covers the cost of the plane ticket. Once the final number of students apply and the plane tickets can be issued is when the final cost will be announced. Other costs include first time passports for those who need them will cost \$175 a person. Spending if one wishes for souvenirs. Should not need more than \$200 for extra spending money as food, travel and housing while in Japan is all covered. Optional Travel insurance can cost upwards to \$75 for the trip as well.

2. How do I get a Passport?

- a. If you do not already have a passport please visit: travel.state.gov for step by step instructions.
- b. 3450 South St, Lafayette 47905 is a post office where an appointment for processing your passport can be made.
- c. Recommend having picture taken at a Walgreen's Pharmacy prior to the appointment at the post office.

3. How long does it take to receive your passport once it arrives?

- a. 4-6 weeks is the typical time once application is complete.
- b. 2-3 weeks with expedited fee of \$60.

4. What forms of payments are accepted for the trip?

- a. Checks only.

5. Who do I make the checks out to?

- a. Greater Lafayette Commerce

6. What kind of forms of money can be taken to Japan?

- a. Cash which will be exchanged for Yen at customs upon arrival.
- b. Prepaid visa card with international expenses approved.
- c. Normal Credit or Debit Card with international expenses approved through your bank.

7. Is there travel insurance?

- a. Yes will cost anywhere from \$25-\$200 depending on plan choice and amount one chooses to spend.

8. Is travel insurance or medical insurance required?

- a. No, but it is highly recommended to have one or the other, if not both.
- 9. **Where will I be staying when in Ota city, Japan?**
 - a. With host families selected by the Sister City Exchange Program.
- 10. **Is the ability to speak Japanese required?**
 - a. No
- 11. **What gift do we need to bring for the host family?**
 - a. Something simple. Can we as simple as a picture of your family or evening you make for them while you are there.
- 12. **Are there scholarship opportunities?**
 - a. We do not have distinguished opportunities, but we encourage students to write letters to the following organizations:
 - i. Lions Club of Greater Lafayette
 - ii. Rotary club of Lafayette
 - iii. Indiana Chamber of Commerce
 - iv. The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette
 - v. The Eagles
 - b. Once the group is finalized we will look into possibilities of partnering with local restaurants to do a benefit night or a car wash to help pay for the trip for everyone.
- 13. **When are the mandatory Team Meetings?**
 - a. March 12th from 6-7:30 pm at Greater Lafayette Commerce
 - b. June 4th from 6-7:30 pm at Greater Lafayette Commerce
- 14. **What day do we leave and from where?**
 - a. We leave from Indianapolis International Airport on July 8th.
- 15. **When do we arrive back and where?**
 - a. We arrive back on July 18th at Indianapolis International Airport.