Japanese Youth Program
American Teen Mentors Needed

Goal of the Program: The UW-Richland Japanese ESL Institute provides intensive programming intended to improve Japanese students’ oral comprehension and English speaking skills. The program further serves to increase Japanese students’ understanding of U.S. culture in preparation for one year of high school studies in the United States.

Dates of Program: The U.S. Teen Mentor component of the program requires one day of training and 9 days of program work. Teen Mentor Training will be held Saturday, July 16th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The program will be July 28th through August 5th at 8:00 pm. The Japanese students will arrive the evening of July 28th at approximately 8:30 p.m. and will depart early morning of August 6th (program dates could fluctuate by a few days).

Benefits of the Program for U.S. Teens: The program offers you the opportunity to work closely with another culture. Teens receive training and experience in to facilitate learning of the English language and educate Japanese students about U.S. culture. You will gain better understanding about your culture and to learn to how to effectively interact with individuals from another foreign culture. Many teens describe the experiences almost as if they had traveled to another culture. Because some teens may miss work to participate in the program, each of the U.S teens will receive compensation for their time. As well, your meals, lodging and activity fees will be provided.

U.S. Teens Participation, Learning, and Commitment:

- To spend as much time as possible with the Japanese students.
- To work as a program facilitator, serving as a liaison between the adult group leaders and the Japanese teens.
- Attend English classes (called English as a Second Language Class) with students. Assist teachers with group activities.
- Facilitate study groups.
- Teach a class about a topic or hobby that you find interesting.
- Enjoy free time full of conversation. Interact with Japanese teens during activities, such as sports, dancing, interest show nights, bowling, and a family picnic.
- Stay overnight in the residence halls with the Japanese students.

U.S. Teen Participation Requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in a U.S. High School.
- Possess a good command of the English Language.
- Have strong communication skills.
- Be open to meeting new people from another culture.
- Possess the ability to be part of a group in many different aspects: friend, mentor, participant, good sport.
- Have the ability to subdue use of technology (phones, laptops, tablets, etc…)
- Have your English teacher and one adult leader complete and return a recommendation form to UW-Richland Continuing Education.
- Fill out the Teen application form.

U.S Student Selection: The number of U.S teens selected will be proportionate to the gender of the male/female Japanese students. Applicants may be asked to appear in person or by phone for an interview.

Direct questions to: Jessica Laeseke, UW-R Cont. Ed., rlnce@uw.edu or 608-647-6186 ext 4
Visit our website for an applicaton at: http://richland.uwc.edu/community/continuing-ed/youth
U.S. Teen Application Form
UW-Richland Japanese Youth Program Summer 2016

To ensure full consideration in our first round of reviews, please return this application postmarked by March 18, 2016. Applications postmarked after that date will be considered in subsequent reviews. Also please make sure your two references are completed and sent by March 18, 2016. You will receive notification of your acceptance status by April 29, 2016. After you have been accepted we will send you additional paperwork regarding liability and medical information.

Please provide the information requested below:

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
  First  Middle I.  Last  Male or Female

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________ E-mail address (required): _______________________________

School you attend: ___________________________________________________________________

Your Date of Birth: ________________  Your Grade Level in fall 2015: ______________________

Parent names: ___________________________________________________________________

Parent address and phone (if different from your own): _______________________________

Please indicate the best way to contact you: (email, phone, Facebook, etc) ___________________

Who did you hear about this program (teacher/counselor name)? _________________________

For Parents/Guardians:
I understand my child is applying to participate as a youth mentor in the UW-Richland Japanese ESL Institute. If accepted to this program, I will support my child’s participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ________________________

On a separate page please provide responses to the following questions/inquiries.

1) Describe your current school/community activities and how you have served as a leader in these organizations/activities.

2) What are four adjectives that others would use to describe you?

3) What unique characteristic(s) do you possess will that will serve you well as a U.S. Teen Mentor in this program.

4) What is one activity or passion you have that you would most like to share with an international student?

Please mail, fax, or email this form to: Jessica Laeseke
UW-Richland Continuing Education
1200 Hwy 14 West, Richland Center, WI 53581
Fax: 608.647.2275 / email: rlnce@uwc.edu
Dear English Teacher,

Name of Student

The above named student has applied to participate in the University of Wisconsin-Richland Japanese Youth Program. This is an intensive 10 day program, July 28 – August 5, 2016, where U.S. teens and Japanese students live, eat, attend English classes, study, and have fun together. For the U.S. teens the program provides an opportunity to work closely with another culture and gain experience in assisting to teach the English language and introduce/explain U.S. culture. The U.S. students will gain an understanding of their own culture and also learn to personally interact with a foreign culture. It will be as close as one can get to traveling to another culture without leaving the area.

In order for the students to participate, we ask that their English teacher fill out the recommendation form below. The U.S. students need to be outgoing and friendly; however, it is of equal importance that they are proficient in English.

Recommendation form

Name of Student: ___________________________________

Teacher’s name__________________________________ High School _____________________________

Would you recommend this student to participate in this program:  Circle one:  Yes   No

In the list of adjectives listed below, please circle any word which would describe the student who is applying to participate in the program:

friendly, outgoing, personable, show-offish, caring, self-centered, eager, lazy, cooperative, team-worker

listener, compassionate, loud, trustworthy, multi-talented, worldly, calm, fidgety, risk-taker, follower,

If you wish to list other adjectives, please do so here: ______________________________________________

What grade in English did this student receive from your class? ______________

What one or two words would you use to describe how this student works with other students in your class?

________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you think this student is capable of empathizing with a student from another culture who is feeling homesick?

Circle one: Yes   No   Any comment __________________________________________________________

Does this student have strong communication skills?

Circle one: Yes   No   Any comment __________________________________________________________

If you wish, please include additional comments on a separate attachment or on the back of this sheet.

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DUE DATE: March 18, 2016 UW-Richland Continuing Education
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Dear Adult Leader,

Name of Student

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In order for the students to participate, we ask they submit recommendations from two adult leaders in their life. Please fill out the recommendation form below. We are looking for U.S. students who are outgoing, friendly and respectful.

Recommendation form

Student name: _______________________________________________

Adult leader name___________________________________________________________________________

How do you know this student? ________________________________________________________________

Would you recommend this student to participate in this program:  Circle one:  Yes   No

In the list of adjectives listed below, please circle any word which would describe the student who is applying to participate in the program:

friendly, outgoing, personable, show-offish, caring, self-centered, eager, lazy, cooperative, team-worker

listener, compassionate, loud, trustworthy, multi-talented, worldly, calm, fidgety, risk-taker, follower

Other adjectives: ___________________________________________________

What two words would you use to describe how this student works with other youth?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

What two words would you use to describe how this student works with adults?

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________________________________________________________________________

Do you think this student is capable of empathizing with a student from another culture who is feeling homesick?

Circle one:  Yes   No   Any comment ______________________________________________________________

Does this student have strong communication skills?

Circle one: Yes   No   Any comment ______________________________________________________________

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