

Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program

Japanese Language and Cultural Immersion Experience

Sponsored by the JCCCNC, JACCC, JCCCW and JCCH with support from Japan Airlines (JAL)

July 2 - August 1, 2009

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 5, 2009



The Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program, in cooperation with the Kobe YMCA Language School (Hyogo Prefecture, Japan), is designed for participants to gain a better understanding of their cultural heritage and discover Japan in a unique and exciting way. This program will allow participants to immerse themselves in Japanese culture through Japanese language and writing classes, attend introductory classes in traditional Japanese art forms, late afternoon and Saturday excursions exploring different parts of the Kansai region, all while having the opportunity to use and practice their Japanese language skills on a daily basis with their homestay family.

This program is open to students at any level of the Japanese language, even those with little or no experience. Applicants must be 18 years of age and older and have completed a minimum of one semester of college studies.

The 2009 program will be limited to 24 participants chosen by selection committees from: the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), Japanese American Cultural Center, Los Angeles (JACCC), Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW) and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH). Participants will be chosen based on their application, essay and interview. Participants selected to the 2009 program must be able to attend a pre-trip orientation in preparation for their one-month stay in Japan.

PROGRAM COST AND DETAILS

- The discounted program cost is **\$2,060.00* per participant**. (*similar Kobe study abroad program was \$3,795.00 in 2008*)
*Other costs not included are reduced rate air fare, domestic transportation and personal spending.
- Reduced RT airfare on Japan Airlines has been secured at \$750.00** from SFO/LAX and \$700.00** from HNL.
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Included in the tuition:

- Summer Intensive Language Class (three hours per day for four weeks)
- Afternoon Writing Class (one hour class, two days a week)
- Preparatory Workshops at the JCCCNC Prior to Trip to Japan
- Text and Class Materials
- Hotel Stay for Two Nights (one night before and after the program)
- Homestay Fee (includes breakfast and dinner daily)
- Volunteer Opportunity at Nagata Kodomo Home (orphanage)
- Welcome Meeting
- Airport Pick-up From Kansai International Airport (KIX)
- Kyoto Guided Tour and Transportation (does not include lunch)
- Nara Guided Tour and Transportation (does not include lunch)
- Traditional Cultural Art Classes
May include *ikebana* (flower arranging), *karate* and *shodo* (calligraphy)

Upon completion of this course, students will receive a Certificate of Completion by the Kobe YMCA Language School, which may be eligible for college credits. Please check with your institution for more information.

For more information or to request an application,
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