

***Shinzen* in Japanese means goodwill, or international amity.**

This unique program provides youth in our community with the rare opportunity to personally affect U.S.-Japan relations. Through spirited basketball games, youth exchanges and homestays, our young ambassadors build stronger relationships with the people of Japan, while learning about their cultural heritage, traditions and identity.

**Important Dates and Information**

1. **The 2019 Shinzen USA Nikkei Youth Goodwill Program (Shinzen Program) is a nine-month commitment (January-September 2019) participating in cultural and community workshops/events, team-building and leadership development activities, family fundraising and travelling to Japan from July 23-August 1, 2019 (tentative as of 11/9/18).**
2. **Japanese ancestry is not a requirement for participation in the Shinzen Program, although a desire to learn about the Japanese/Japanese American community, culture, traditions and heritage is essential.**
3. **To be eligible for the 2019 program, the applicant's birthday must be between January 1, 2004 and (no later than) December 31, 2006, currently in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade.**
  - In the event that response is not as high as expected, consideration may be extended to include those born as early as July 1, 2003 (10<sup>th</sup> grade). Please complete Section I and IV and V to be considered.
4. **Players and their families will be required to participate in fundraising activities which include individual (\$2,000 in raffle tickets) and group goals (\$25k large event) to support program expenses for the Shinzen trip to Japan.** Fundraiser dates will be determined by families and are in addition to dates below.
5. **Each participant will be required to pay a participation fee of \$1,500 to cover a portion of the air transportation fee.**
6. **The player and family must commit to the following mandatory activities:**

**2019**

January 12-13 (exact day/time to be scheduled)  
 On/before January 25  
 Sunday, February 3 (4:30-7p)  
 \*Sunday, March 10 OR  
 Sunday, April 28  
 Saturday, May 18  
 \*Saturdays/Sundays June 8-July 21  
 \*Weekend of June 22-23 (Sat 2p-Sun 5p)  
 \*July 23 - August 1  
 Sunday, August 25 (4-6p)  
 Saturday, September 21 (2:30-8:30p)  
 \*Saturday, December 14 or 21

Interview/Selection Days (one session per family)  
 Participants will be selected/notified  
 Shinzen Welcome Orientation + Family Potluck  
 Player/Family Workshop + Family Potluck  
 + Shinzen Travel Orientation  
 Colma Japanese Cemetery Clean-up (Volunteer)  
 Practice/Workshops, Meetings and/or Gatherings  
 Sleepover Weekend  
 Shinzen Trip to Japan  
 Post-trip Reunion + Family Potluck  
 JCCCNC Annual Event (Volunteer)  
 JCCCNC Mochitsuki and Family Holiday Potluck

**Commitment dates will be discussed during the family interview process and full participation will be taken into consideration when selecting applicants and their families.**

***\*Exact days and times to be determined.*** A confirmed 2019 calendar will be available by February 3, 2019.

*The Shinzen Executive Committee may add or change dates as needed in the best interest of the program.*



**PLEASE NOTE: this application is part of the selection criteria.**

Please refer to this page to assist you through the application process.

### **Section I: Applicant Information**

- ☉ *Name:* Please fill out your complete name.
- ☉ *Birth date:* Applicants birthday must be between 1/1/2004 and 12/31/2006.
- ☉ *Address:* List your primary residence.
- ☉ *School and Grade:* List your current school and grade level.
- ☉ *Email:* List your primary email address.
- ☉ *Gender:* Circle your gender.

### **Section II: Applicant Questions**

- *Player Questions:* Please answer the questions in the space provided. Please think about your answers thoughtfully and carefully.

### **Section III: Letter of Recommendation**

- Please attach a letter of recommendation from a non-family member (teacher, counselor, coach, etc.) who can share why you would be a good candidate for the Shinzen Program.

### **Section IV: Parent Information**

- *Phone numbers:* Please list all numbers where parents may be reached, including area codes.
- *Family's Primary email address:* Please list an email address that will be used for all program communication.
- *Parent Travel:* Please let us know if at least one parent will be able to travel to Japan.

### **Section V: Family Participation**

- *Letter from Parent(s):* Please describe: 1) your family's interest and commitment in participating in the 2019 Shinzen Program; 2) how you expect your family will contribute to the program; 3) how you anticipate your family will benefit from the Program and 4) any conflicts\* with the commitments listed above.  
\*Please list any commitments you may not be able to fulfill and the reason (be as specific as possible/exact dates that will be missed) in/at the bottom of your letter.

### **Section VI: JCCCNC Membership**

Please let us know if you are currently a JCCCNC member by including your membership number. If you are not a current member and would like to receive information on Center programs/events, check the last box. Once the applicant has been selected to the Shinzen Program, **JCCCNC Membership is required.**

### **Section VII: Japanese American Community Involvement**

Please indicate any Japanese American community organizations that your family is actively involved with, the type of involvement, which family member participated and the year(s) served.

### **Submitting your application**

**Your completed application packet must be received by Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Center office.** Faxed application packets will be accepted to meet the deadline, but will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee for consideration in place of original documents. (Faxes do not photocopy well.) The JCCCNC fax number is **(415) 567-4222.**

Submit the application along with the family's letter of interest and commitment to:  
JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115-3220 Attn: Shinzen Selection Committee



Please check here if you are NOT in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Section I: Applicant Information

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                            First                      Middle                      Last    Mo / Day / Year

Address (primary residence): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (Circle) M F

### Section II: Applicant Letter of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a non-family member (example: teacher, leader or organization you know, etc) who should state how they are acquainted with you and any reason(s) why you would be an ideal candidate to participate in the Shinzen Program.

### Section III: Applicant Questions

**Please answer the following questions in the space provided:**

A ) Why would you like to participate in the 2019 Shinzen Program? What do you hope to learn or gain from the experience?

**Section III: Applicant Questions (continued)**

Please answer the following questions in the space provided:

- B ) Each of the Shinzen players have different qualities and experiences that he/she brings to the program. What qualities will you bring? How will you be an asset to the 2019 Shinzen Program?

**Section IV: Parent Information**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family's Primary e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY TRAVEL TO JAPAN in July 2019:**

Please check here if at least one parent will be able to travel to Japan with the group

**Section V: Family Participation Letter**

Please attach a letter from your parent(s) that describes your family's interest and commitment in participating in the Shinzen Program and how you expect your family will contribute and benefit from the Program. Please include any other factors you feel the Selection Committee should consider, as well as any conflict and reason that you will/may not be able to fulfill the scheduled commitments listed above.

**Section VI: JCCCNC Membership**

Is your family a member of the JCCCNC?

No  Yes, membership # \_\_\_\_\_  No, but we would like to receive more information.

**Section VII: Japanese American Community Involvement**

Please indicate any other Japanese American Community Organizations that your family is actively involved with, type of involvement, which member was involved and year(s) served.

ORGANIZATION	INVOLVEMENT	WHO	YEAR(S)
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