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*:

**November1**: Application & $2,000 deposit payable to States’ 4-H and $250 payable to MO 4-H Foundation. Send to MO State 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.

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)

First payment check will not be deposited until applicant is accepted. First and second payments pay for airfare and part of the program fee.
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.

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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“This was a life changing experience and it has truly changed my mindset on others and the world. I feel like a different person now, in a good way, and I now have an international family!”
- States’ 4-H Outbound Alumna