

Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

My name is Linda Nakamura and I am writing to you on behalf of the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA) to inform you of an international exchange program for the students at your school. Oakland students with a date of birth between August 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016 are eligible to apply.

Since Oakland is the sister city of Fukuoka in Japan, the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention invites OFSCA to select four Oakland students to attend the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan. This program is a 10-day, almost fully funded event during approximately July 12-23, 2027 (specific dates subject to change) that promotes the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) mission to assist children become global citizens of an OMOIYARI (respectful and understanding) spirit, who help to create a more peaceful world. The program begins with a 4-night stay at an international camp in Fukuoka with the children and chaperones from over 40 countries or regions who are also invited to attend the convention. The camp portion of the program includes one day when they are joined by additional Fukuoka students. For the next 4 days after the camp, each student will have a homestay at a home of a host family in Fukuoka prefecture. This format is subject to change as determined by APCC. This program in July 2027 offers the opportunity for your student to make new friends locally and from around the world, to experience authentic Japanese culture with a host family in Fukuoka and to increase their independence and confidence.

Please let me know if you, or teachers or parents have additional questions regarding APCC or OFSCA. The APCC website is <https://apcc.gr.jp/> and the OFSCA website is <https://www.oakland-fukuoka.org/>. The program application in various languages may be directly accessed at <https://www.oakland-fukuoka.org/home/programs-activities/asian-pacific-childrens-convention> Please note that applications must be completed in English and that all verbal communication must be in English.

Thank you for your time and I hope that your student will consider submitting an application. The priority deadline for submitting the completed application and the 2 letters of recommendation is October 10, 2026.

Warm regards,

Linda Nakamura
Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association
Director, APCC Liaison Officer

Apcc-bridge@oakland-fukuoka.org or cell/text 510-206-1980 (please include your name if texting)

Please attach photo of yourself.
One that is similar to a passport
photo would be great.

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**ASIAN-PACIFIC CHILDREN'S CONVENTION -FUKUOKA
STUDENT AGREEMENT**

If I am selected as a Junior Ambassador, I understand that the invitation to be a Junior Ambassador may be withdrawn if I do not do the following:

1. I will become an active member of the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA).
2. **I will attend ALL orientations meetings that will be held prior and after my departure to Fukuoka.**
3. **I will work diligently at any fundraising activities for the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) and Bridge Club.**
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4. I will have my passport by **January 1, 2027.**
5. In order to prevent homesickness, I will not contact my parent(s) or family during my home-stay in Japan.
6. I will adhere to my Host Family's rules and schedule during my homestay.
7. I will not take part in any activities outside of those designated by the APCC office (i.e. commercial transactions, religious missions, etc.).
8. Upon my return, **I will actively participate in the Bridge Club**, an international network of Junior Ambassadors.
9. I will be available to give talks or presentations about the APCC and my experiences as a Junior Ambassador.
10. My family and I will host an exchange student from Fukuoka in the future.

Print student's name

Student's signature (handwritten)

Date

Print parent / legal guardian name 1

Parent / legal guardian 1 signature (handwritten)

Date

Print parent / legal guardian name 2 Parent / legal guardian 2 signature (handwritten) _____
Date

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PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please Print or Type

1. How do you feel about your son/daughter traveling to Fukuoka for two (2) weeks?

2. In an effort to prevent homesickness, it is the APCC's policy that you not visit, telephone, e-mail, or have snail-mail contact with your child. Do you agree to abide by this rule?

3. Do you think your son/daughter will be homesick? _____

If so, what suggestions will you give to your son/daughter about how to cope with feelings of homesickness?

4. Do you understand all of the rules of the program as stated in the Student Agreement?
Will you commit to having you son/daughter attend ALL orientations meetings that will be held prior and after their departure to Fukuoka.

5. Have you explained them to your son/daughter? _____

Do you think your son/daughter will be able to abide by the rules?

6. Whose idea was it to apply to this program? _____

7. Does your son/daughter enjoy trying new things? _____

Give an example. _____

8. Will your son/daughter eat a variety of foods? _____

9. How does your son/daughter handle difficult or new situations

Give an example. _____

10. Does your son/daughter have any planned activities for the summer? _____
If so, what are they? _____

11. Does your son/daughter have any medical concerns that we should be aware of?

12. Would you be willing to host a student from Fukuoka in your home in the future? How
would you make the student feel at home? _____

13. What advice would you give your son/daughter before they board the plane for Japan?

14. Do you have any reservations at this time about your son/daughter participating in the
APCC program? _____

15. Attach on a separate sheet of paper a list/calendar of your son's/daughter's activities for
2026 – 2027 (For example, baseball practice every Wednesday, swim practice every day,
baseball games every Saturday March – April, Swim meets every Saturday and Sunday
twice a month, etc.)

Print parent / legal guardian name Signature (handwritten) Date

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APCC STUDENT APPLICATION

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PART A – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student name as printed on passport or birth certificate

Last First Middle

Birthdate (Mo./Day/Year) ____/____/____ (Required 8/1/2015 – 7/31/2016) Male Female

Home Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Telephone () _____ cell () _____

School: _____

Name parent / legal guardian 1: _____

Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail _____

Name parent / legal guardian 2: _____

Work phone () _____ Cell () _____

E-mail _____

PART B – QUESTIONS

Family Members: Total number of family members including yourself living in your home. (#)

Relationship	Name and Occupation	Age
parent / legal guardian 1		
Name parent / legal guardian 2		

Self		
Sister		
Brother		

1. What kinds of activities do you do with your family? How often?

2. What would you do to make a new kid at your school feel comfortable?

3. Describe your interests, hobbies, or activities (e.g. art, literature, computers, music, sports, etc.)

4. What groups do you belong to or participate in (e.g. local clubs and organizations, scouts, youth groups, teams, etc.)?

5. Have you ever spent any time away from home without your parents? If so, where did you go and for how long?

6. Have you ever traveled to another country? If so, where did you go and what was your favorite thing about that trip?

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7. What would you do if you were away from your family and friends and around people who looked different from you?

8. Do you think you would get homesick if you could not talk to your family for two weeks and if so what would you do to make yourself feel better?

9. What one item would you contribute to a time capsule and why?

10. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

PART C- ESSAYS

Please type or neatly print your responses on a separate sheet of paper. Place your name on the upper right corner of each page.

1. Describe a non-academic situation in which you have had to face a personal defeat or failure, or have made a mistake, and explain how you dealt with it.
2. Reflect on what it will be like to live as a member of a family in Fukuoka. What problems or challenges other than language might you expect to encounter and how might you deal with them.

*1. Please complete, sign and return this application to **OFSCA, APCC Program, c/o Linda Nakamura, P.O. Box 13022, Oakland, CA 94661-3022** (REQUIRED). You may wish to keep a copy of the application as a precaution should it become lost or delayed in the mail.

*2. Please send an email to apcc-bridge@oakland-fukuoka.org with your student's name and your phone number. You may also include an optional scanned copy of the application.

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RECOMMENDATION 1

Student's name: _____ **Phone No. ()** _____

Address: _____

Instructions to Student: Please complete the information above and ask a teacher or extracurricular coach/leader who knows you well to complete this form. DEADLINE to submit evaluation: **October 10, 2026.**

Instructions to Teacher/Coach/Leader: OFSCA will appreciate and accept as confidential your frank evaluation of this student's personal readiness for responsible participation in an international conference program. Please complete, sign and return this form as soon as possible to **OFSCA, APCC Program, c/o Linda Nakamura, P.O. Box 13022, Oakland, CA 94661-3022.** Please keep a copy of the evaluation for your own records. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

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2. What talents, interests and skills does this student have to contribute to others (e.g. school, community, host family)?

3. Research indicates that the factors listed below are important for successful intercultural adjustments.

Curiosity

Self-motivation

Sense of humor

Open-mindedness

Ability to tolerate failures

Ability to communicate

Please assess the student's strengths and weaknesses with respect to these factors. When possible, please give specific examples.

4. In what context and for what length of time have you known this student?

5. Check one of the following:

I strongly recommend this student.

I recommend this student.

I have some reservations. (Please describe on a separate sheet of paper.)

I do not recommend this student.

(All remarks will be kept confidential)

Signature (handwritten): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

School or Organization: _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

School, Organization, or Home Address:

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