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 the community and build friendships that will last a lifetime. Please Note: Outbound travel opportunities are only available to youth who have hosted inbound delegates in the previous two years.

States’ 4-H Summer Program Options:

**8 WEEK NIHONGO PROGRAM**

**Dates:** June 15 - August 11, 2016  
**Capacity:** Maximum 17 delegates (capacity may increase)  
**Cost:** $3,190 plus airfare. Current airfare estimate: $1,600-$2,500.

For the first 4 weeks, stay with a host family in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive Japanese language program. After 4 weeks of the language program, you will move to a second host family for the regular 4-week homestay program (see below).

**4 WEEK HOMESTAY PROGRAM**

**Dates:** July 13 - August 11, 2016  
**Capacity:** No maximum group size  
**Cost:** $1,990 plus airfare. Current airfare estimate: $1,600- $2,500.

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 with similar age. A group camp is offered through Labo & Utrek.

Program Fees Include:

- Overnight Orientation in U.S. gateway city & in Tokyo  
- Labo camp, Utrek camp, or Lex cultural excursion  
- In-Japan expenses: transportation, lodging, meals  
- 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.
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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.

Japan Hosting Scholarships
Are you a former States’ 4-H summer host family? If so, you are eligible to receive $100 credit for every delegate hosted (up to $300). Year-long host families are eligible to received $1,000 in credit. Ask your State Coordinator for details.

Timeline:
- **December 15:** Application & $1,000 deposit due
- **Mid-January:** States’ 4-H notifies applicants of their status
- **February 1:** $2,000 payment due to States’ 4-H National Office
- **Mid-February:** States’ 4-H books non-refundable air tickets
- **March 1:** Medical form & passport copy due to States’ 4-H Office
- **Spring:** State orientations conducted, delegates receive States’ 4-H travel handbook.
- **Mid to late spring:** Host family placement announced
- **May 1:** Remaining balance due to States’ 4-H National Office
- **Summer:** Students fly to a U.S. hub city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

Who can apply:
4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be age 12-18 from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college)

How to apply:
Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply.

States’ 4-H Policies:
- Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Air ticket is issued in Feb and is NOT refundable once issued).
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply
- 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 certainly is 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, states conduct an spring orientation covering these topics. States’ 4-H also has a group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

For more information:
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