



2026 Adult Delegate Application

Application deadline: **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

2026 Sister City Delegation to Japan

Tentative Travel Dates: Friday, September 25 – Sunday, October 4, 2026

Total Cost: \$1,000 + airfare (approx. \$1,500)

- \$200 due at time of application
- \$1,500 due April 1
- remainder due June 1

The cost of the trip covers the following:

- Travel (flights, shuttles, trains, subway/monorail, charter bus, etc.)
- Meals
- Entry Tickets (museums, shrines, temples, etc.)
- Delegate shirts (2)
- 1 year membership in WVMSCA
- *Delegates should anticipate spending an additional \$200 on souvenirs, snacks, and other discretionary spending in Japan.*

To apply, submit the following by February 19:

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ \$200 down payment check (will be returned if you are not selected)

By email: wenatcheemisawa@gmail.com

By mail:

WVMSCA

PO Box 5385

Wenatchee, WA 98807

In person:

East Wenatchee City Hall

271 9th Street NE

East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Applicants will be notified in March whether or not they have been selected for the delegation. If selected, they will then be asked to provide:

- ☐ Color photo of delegate
- ☐ Color copy of passport or pending passport application
- ☐ Medical Form (listing allergies, medications, etc.)
- ☐ Self-Introduction for Host Family



Requirements & Expectations for All Delegates:

- Delegates must be available to travel with the Sister City delegation to Japan, as ambassadors of goodwill during the tentative dates listed above. Delegates must have a current passport or be able to obtain one by July 15.
- Delegates must be physically able to carry their own luggage on stairs and when boarding trains, subways, etc., throughout the trip, as well as to walk up to five miles each day while touring Tokyo and Misawa.
- Delegates will be expected to adhere to a daily schedule of group activities. Individual plans should not be made outside of designated “free time”. Departure from the group must never occur without preapproval from the group leader.
- Delegates will be expected to abide by a dress code throughout the trip. Sister City Association delegate shirts will be provided and must be worn to most group events while on the trip. Some activities and events, such as formal banquets, will have dress codes which must be adhered to utilizing your personal wardrobe. Dress codes and cultural nuances will be communicated before travel and must be respected.
- Delegates stay in dorm-style rooms with other delegates of the same gender for 3 nights in the Tokyo Youth Hostel. Shared bathroom and shower facilities are down the hall from delegate rooms.
- In Misawa, delegates are hosted in the homes of Japanese host families for 5 nights. You will be eating breakfast and dinner with your host family each day, as well as spending time with them on “Host Family Day”. An attitude of gratitude and graciousness is expected at all times.
- Ambassadors should expect to encounter many cultural differences. To enjoy the trip and represent the Wenatchee Valley in a positive manner, an attitude of fun, flexibility, and openness to new experiences is required. These experiences might include new foods, schedule changes, communication challenges, and more.
- Delegates are required to attend Delegate Orientations in the summer months to prepare for travel logistics, understand group expectations, learn basic Japanese phrases, and to learn about Japanese culture and etiquette. Orientation dates will be communicated ASAP.
- It may be difficult to visit Japan with a felony conviction, as entry is restricted for those with serious criminal records.



Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association

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Full Legal Name: _____ **Preferred Name:** _____

If applying in conjunction with others, please list: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Occupation/Employer: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Group Affiliations/Community Activities: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Please list two personal references familiar with your ability to work with others:

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

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Are your activities restricted for medical reasons, or do you have health concerns that could impact your participation? **Yes/Possibly** ☐ **No** ☐

If yes/possible, please explain: _____

If selected, delegates will be asked to provide a list of allergies, medications, and emergency contact information to the group leader for safety purposes.

Do you use illegal drugs?	Yes	No
Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?	Yes	No
Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse?	Yes	No
Other than above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted to represent the Wenatchee Valley as a Misawa Sister City delegate?	Yes	No

How did you hear about this opportunity? _____

The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me, or by conducting a criminal background check. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association, its board members, or its volunteers. In submitting this application, I affirm that the information I have given on this form is true and accurate. I also have read and understand the requirements and expectations for all delegates and will adhere to all requirements.

Signature

Date