2026 Student 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
- ❑ Two Teacher Evaluation Forms (should be sent directly from teachers to WVMSCA)
- ❑ $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

Student 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:

- ❑ Current color photo
- ❑ Color copy of passport or pending passport application
- ❑ Medical Form (listing allergies, medications, etc.)
- ❑ Self-Introduction for Host Family
- ❑ Consent for Youth Travel
- ❑ Authorization for Medical Treatment

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:** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Please list contact information for <u>at least one</u> primary parent/guardian:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____Email: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____Email: _____

School/Community Activities: _____

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Hobbies & Interests: _____

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What interests you about Japanese culture? _____

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How did you hear about this opportunity? _____

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.

Write a 50-100 word essay explaining why you would make a good Student Delegate to Japan.

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Please list two personal references familiar with your character, community involvement, and leadership abilities:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____Email: _____

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Phone: _____Email: _____

List two (2) current teachers (other than references listed above) who you will ask to complete the teacher evaluation forms. (Final page of this document) Teachers are asked to complete the form on your behalf and return it directly to the WVMSCA.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

List any office discipline referrals for the current or previous school year:

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For verification of discipline info above, a current principal or school counselor must sign below:

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Principal/Counselor Printed Name Phone or Email

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Principal/Counselor Signature Date

Are you interested in applying for a scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your participation dependent upon receiving a scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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.

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Student Applicant Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

STUDENTS: Please give one copy of this form to two current teachers and ask that they submit it directly to WVMSCA once completed.

Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Association
Teacher Evaluation Form
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Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

The student named above has applied to be a Student Delegate in the Wenatchee Valley Misawa Sister City Delegation, traveling to Misawa, Japan. For the Sister City Association to evaluate and select qualified students as delegates, we ask for your cooperation in filling out this form and returning it by mail or email.

All information is held confidential. Thank you in advance for your time.

Quality	**Low**			**High**	
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude of Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
Group Compatibility	1	2	3	4	5
Use of Appropriate Language	1	2	3	4	5
Respectful to Adults	1	2	3	4	5
Obedience to Authority	1	2	3	4	5
Adaptability	1	2	3	4	5

Please provide any additional information that you feel the delegate selection committee should take into consideration:

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