

What is GEN-J?

The Grassroots Exchange Network -Japan (GEN-J) Program was organized by the Japan Foundation, in collaboration with the Laurasian Institution in the fall of 2018.

The first part of the program involves inviting grassroots exchange facilitators and Japanese language supporters to nine (9) cities in the Southern and Midwestern States to deepen the understanding of US Japan relations.

For the second part of the GEN-J program, we will be organizing this Japan tour for high school students in the cities where we have Japanese language supporters.

The third and last part of this program provides grants for facilitators and supports to organize Japanese-language and culture related events in their region.

Through the three parts of GEN-J, we hope to introduce Japan on a grassroots level to communities in the US and hope to engage you in this endeavor.

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Travel to JAPAN
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2020 GEN-J H.S. Invitation Tour

Program Overview

The Japan Foundation in collaboration with a partner non-profit host institution is seeking participants from schools in the areas they service for a trip to Japan next spring. This program is organized in conjunction with the Grassroots Exchange Network - Japan (GEN-J) with the purpose of deepening understanding about Japan and Japanese-language on the grassroots level.

Through this tour, high school students will be able to go on a week-long trip to Japan during spring break next year to foster deeper understanding of Japanese language and culture.

Participants may also have opportunities to visit their sister cities and take part in tours of companies that have a presence in their local communities.

At the conclusion of this program, we hope that the participants will have built a solid understanding of US-Japan relations at the local level and have the necessary knowledge and connections to appreciate the benefits of the strong relationship between the United States and Japan!

What is Provided

If selected, the Japan Foundation will cover the following expenses related to the trip:

- Round-Trip Airfare
- Hotel Accommodations
- Most Meals
- Group Travel Expenses in Japan
- Admission Fees For Planned Events
- Overseas Travel Insurance

What to Expect

Participants may have the opportunity to participate in the activities below:

- Visit a Major City in Japan
- Participate in Exchanges
- See Their Sister City
- Participate in a Company Tour
- Eat Authentic Japanese Food
- Experience Japanese Culture

Tentative Dates

March 14-21, 2020

Eligibility

- Up to twelve (12) participants per school
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Native language or main language used at home must not be Japanese
- Be in high school during the current school year
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Have the consent of a legal parent or guardian
- Must participate in the entire itinerary
*(No deviations before, during, or after the trip.)
(Non-participants cannot accompany you during the trip.)*
- Complete all homework assigned after the trip including an essay for our newsletter and a presentation to your classmates or community group