

# APPLICATION FOR BURBANK SISTER CITY 2022 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO OTA, JAPAN

The cities of Ota, Japan and Burbank, California have successfully participated in a 2-week summer cultural student exchange program. Burbank students travel to Ota and stay with a Japanese family one year and Ota students travel to Burbank the next. In the summer of 2022 we will be sending a group of Burbank students to visit Ota. The program's purpose is to promote communication, goodwill, and cultural awareness, as well as foster closer relationships as sister cities by offering the opportunity of better understanding between the Japanese and American people.

## **Applicants must be a Burbank resident enrolled in grades 9-12 at the time of application.**

It is an honor to be selected as an exchange student to Ota, Japan. The Committee will select up to 12 student representatives and two alternates. Being selected entails a great deal of responsibility since you will be representing the City of Burbank as well as the Sister City Committee. Successful applicants and their parents must comply with obligations as follows:

- join the Burbank Sister City Committee, family membership required;
- commit to a minimum 2-year period in an active role on the Sister City Committee, including preparation for and participation during summer visitation of Sister City students to Burbank;
- participate in BSCC fundraising activities;
- attend monthly meetings and other planning meetings in preparation for the trip;
- host a sister city student in your home *or* provide an alternate Burbank host family acceptable to the Committee;
- promote the sister city program;
- obtain and submit a passport and 3 extra passport photos by the deadline date established by the committee;
- submit all funds required for airline ticket purchase by the required deadline;
- be Livescan fingerprinted as required by City of Burbank policy.

The full cost of the trip to Ota, Japan is the family's responsibility. The approximate cost of the trip includes, but is not limited to:

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| • Airfare -                   | \$1,500 |
| • Passport -                  | \$120   |
| • Gifts for families in Ota - | \$150   |
| • Spending money in Ota -     | \$300   |

Participation in student fundraising efforts can result in substantial cost reductions.

You will be advised of important informational meetings and timelines for monies and passports. *Once selections have been made, it is expected that commitments for travel to Japan will be kept.*

Completed applications **must** be submitted by or before 5:00 p.m., **Friday, October 15, 2021**, at Burbank Public Library, 110 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, attn: Library Administration. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

## **KEEP THIS PAGE AND MAKE A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

**BURBANK SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
STUDENT APPLICATION – SUMMER 2022**

*PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY*

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M/I

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Month/date/year of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If No, Alien Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

If not a U.S. Citizen, country of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone father ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone mother ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1) Please write a short paragraph on why you want to participate in the Burbank Sister City Student Exchange Program.

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2) What do you feel you can contribute to foster closer relationships between the people of Burbank and the people of Ota?

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3) Do you consider yourself an adventurous eater? Give an example.

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4) List all clubs and activities, including dates of participation, in which you are involved. Include school, church, and community activities. Use additional pages if necessary.

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5) Why do you feel any of the above activities would contribute to you representing Burbank in the student exchange program?

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6) Do you have previous experience with Japanese people or Japanese culture?

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7) Have you visited a foreign country before? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, which country or countries?

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8) Would you feel comfortable living with a family who may speak only Japanese? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

9) Name some ways you would try to communicate. \_\_\_\_\_

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10) Do you have pet, food, or other allergies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

11) Is there anything additional you would like to tell us about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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In addition, upon acceptance as a 2022 exchange student to Ota, the City of Burbank requires that all household members age 18 and over who will host an inbound sister city student in the summer of 2022 and/or 2023 be fingerprinted by Livescan Fingerprinting Services through the City of Burbank.

***This application must include the following:***

- ***two letters of recommendation*** from teachers, school counselor, administrators or community leaders (e.g. scoutmaster, coach, religious leader);
- ***a copy of each of your last two semester grade reports.***

**Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

The selection committee will review all applications. Applicants who pass the paper screening will have individual interviews to determine final selection. Interviews will be conducted in November 2021. Written notification of interview date and time will be provided. Parents will have a separate informational interview, simultaneous to the student interview. Applicants will be notified in writing within 10 days following the interviews. Verified falsification or misinformation by the applicant will result in immediate removal from the exchange program.

The information provided on this form will only be used by members of the selection committee and will not be shared with any other parties.

**CERTIFICATION**

In submitting this application, I/we certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge. We also understand the obligations outlined on the front page of this application packet and will comply with the best of our ability.

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Print name – student applicant	Signature – student applicant	Date
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Print name – applicant parent	Signature of parent	Date
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Print name – applicant parent	Signature of parent	Date
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(Attention: Library Administration)

