

Labo/Texas Global Education Homestay

Texas Outbound Program Application

Please complete all pages of this Application Packet

The application consists of the following pages:

Page 1, 2 Instructions

Page 3, 4 Personal Information Sheet

Remember that this form will be read by a Japanese family who may be unfamiliar with the English language. Please write clearly and avoid using slang.

Page 5, 6, 7 Medical History and Authorization

Page 8 Self-Introduction Page

Use photos, drawings, maps, and anything else you can think of to help introduce yourself, your family, and your community to your host family.

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Application Packet

The completed Application Packet and a **check for \$100** are **due to Linda Smittle by March 1.**

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The check should be made out to: ***"Texas Global Education"***

Late applications may result in higher airfare and/or delayed host family assignments.

- The \$100 application fee is not refundable
- For Program cost, payment schedule and refund policy, please contact the State Coordinator.
- Around the beginning of June you will receive your Host Family Information Sheet, and travel and orientation materials.

Your cooperation in meeting deadlines is greatly appreciated.

Texas Exchange Coordinator

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HOST FAMILY REQUESTS

Any host family assigned to me will be acceptable

I request to be hosted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ How do you know this family? _____

If your requested host is unable to host you:

Another family will be acceptable

Place me near my requested host so I can possibly visit them

I will not travel to Japan at this time

Other requests (location, etc.) _____

OTHER INFORMATION

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL (for group T-shirt)

What city will you be flying out of? _____

REFERENCES

Please list two people (not relatives) who can be contacted for a personal reference

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Phone (____) _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

***I understand the objectives of the Labo In-Japan Program
and agree to abide by the rules of the program***

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Coordinator Signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

MEDICAL FORM

参加者名 (ローマ字) _____ 生年月
 Participant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year

I hereby authorize the representatives of the Labo International Exchange Foundation, the Labo Teaching Information Center, and the families assigned as my child's hosts, to make arrangements for his/her welfare, including transportation in the event of an emergency, and for whatever emergency medical care may be deemed necessary for my child's welfare (should he/she be incapacitated to make their own decision), while participating in this program.

 Signature of parent or legal guardian: 署名 _____ Date: (Month/Day/Year) 日付

In case of emergency notify: Name _____ Telephone: _____
 緊急連絡先 名前 電話

Relationship to participant: _____
 参加者との関係

1. Inoculation History

Vaccine 予防接種	Number 回数	Date of injection 接種 した年月日	Vaccinated by/at 接種した施設	Contracted or not? かかった有無	Date contracted (M/D/Y) かかった年月日
Measles はしか	1st			Yes / No	
	2nd				
Mumps おたふくかぜ	1st			Yes / No	
	2nd				
Rubella 風疹	1st			Yes / No	
	2nd				
Chickenpox 水ぼうそう				Yes / No	
Polio (OPV) 小児麻痺	1st			Yes / No	
	2nd				
	3rd				
	4th				
DPT (三種混合) Diphtheria ジフテリア Pertussis 百日咳 Tetanus 破傷風	1st			Yes / No	
	2nd				
	3rd				
	4th				
	5th				
Tuberculosis ツベルクリン反応の検査	Yes No				
Vaccine type for TB (BCG 接種の有無)	Yes No				
Hepatitis B B型肝炎	1st				
	2nd				
	3rd				
Others その他					

2. Are you subject to any of the following? If YES, please explain condition and/or frequency.

下記の病気や症状がありますか？

	Condition/Frequency 症状/頻度
Asthma/Respiratory Problems 喘息 / 呼吸器系障害	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Diabetes/Hypoglycemia 糖尿病 / 低血糖症	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Heart Trouble 心臓疾患	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Lung Trouble 肺疾患	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Fainting Spells 失神	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Convulsions けいれん発作	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Epilepsy てんかん	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Skin Disease 皮膚疾患	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Kidney/Gall Bladder/Liver Disease 腎臓 / たんのう / 肝臓疾患	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Muscular/Skeletal Problem 筋肉/骨格の障害	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Emotional or Mental Disorder 情緒/精神的な障害	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Stomach/Intestinal Problem 胃腸障害	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Any Other Disorder (Please list and explain) その他の疾患及び障害	_____

3. Do you have any allergies or reactions to drugs or non-drug items?

アレルギー、薬品の副作用について

• **Medicines:** 薬品に関するアレルギー

Penicillin or Related Drugs: (ペニシリン系薬品) Yes No

Aminopyrine or Sulpyrine Type Drug: (ピリン系薬品) Yes No

Others: その他の薬品 : _____

• **Non-Drug Items:** 薬品以外のアレルギー

Bees Pollen Dogs Cats Small Animals
 蜂 花粉 犬の毛 ネコの毛 小動物の毛

Food 食品 : _____

4. Do you have difficulties with any of the following?

下記の障害や、健康上注意を要する点がありますか？あれば、注意書きも書き添えて下さい。

Eyes (視力等、目の障害)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Uses Contact Lenses (コンタクトレンズ使用)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Ears (聴力等、耳の障害)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Nose (鼻の障害)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Throat (咽喉障害)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Digestion (消化障害)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Sleepwalking (夢遊病) Yes No _____
 Bed-Wetting (夜尿症) Yes No _____
 Menstrual Problems (生理障害) Yes No _____
 Any other medical difficulties: (Please list) _____
 その他の障害

• Any surgical operations, accidents, or injuries, which required hospitalization in the past?
 Yes No Explain: _____
 過去に手術、事故、怪我などで入院したことがありますか。あれば病名、症状をお知らせ下さい。

• Any recent exposure to a contagious disease?
 Yes No Explain: _____
 最近感染症にかかりましたか。あれば病名、症状をお知らせください。

• If you are carrying medicines/prescriptions, fill in the following. Put "P" for prescriptions.
 携帯する薬をお知らせ下さい。(医師から処方されたものには'P'と書き添えてください)

Name of medicine 薬品名	For what illness/symptoms 病名・症状	Dosage/Times taken 服用量・回数
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

• Are there any physical activities that you are restricted from doing? If YES, please list.
 Yes No If so, what kind? _____
 健康上制限されている行動がありますか。ある場合お知らせ下さい。

• Any additional information Labo and your host families should be aware of?
 Yes No Explain: _____
 ラボやホストが知っておいた方がよい健康上の問題がありますか？

• Are you currently under a doctor's care?
 Yes No Explain: _____
 現在通院していますか。いる場合、何の症状で通院されているかお知らせください。

I certify that all medical information has been included and that the above information is complete and accurate: 記載した情報に相違ありません。

 Signature of parent or legal guardian 署名

 Date 日付

 Signature of participant 署名

 Date 日付

SELF-INTRODUCTION

Use this page to introduce yourself, your family, and your community to your Japanese host family.

You may use photos, drawings, maps and so on to make this 'self-introduction' page interesting.

ESSAY

Remember that this form will be read by a Japanese family who may be unfamiliar with the English language. Please write clearly and avoid using slang.

1. What kinds of things would you like to do while you are in Japan?

Explain any goals you have for your trip to Japan.

2. How do you plan to prepare for your trip to Japan?

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

I recognize the opportunity this exchange trip offers to me. I am aware that my behavior will reflect on my family, home, community and country and that many people will base their opinions of North American youth on me and my actions. Therefore, I pledge to cooperate in every way to make this trip a rewarding and positive experience.

- **I AGREE TO:**
 1. Follow schedules and attend all planned meetings.
 2. Remain in assigned areas at all times.
 3. Show courtesy at all times, especially in restaurants, hotels and public places.
 4. Leave sites and public areas neat and clean.
 5. Respect the suggestions of all adults connected to this program, even if they are not my assigned chaperone, and even if they are from other countries or organizations.
 6. Dress appropriately at all times while in public.
 7. Participate in the life of my host family, in camp activities, and in meetings and other planned activities.
 8. Show respect to my host family and others I meet in Japan.
 9. Abide by the laws of Japan and my country.

- **I AGREE TO REFRAIN FROM:**
 1. Inappropriate sexual behavior or public display of affection.
 2. Profane, obscene or discriminatory language.
 3. Accepting, carrying or using alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
 4. Operating a motor vehicle of any kind.
 5. Bringing any device (ex: international cell phone) which will allow me to call the US/Canada

- **I UNDERSTAND** that while in Japan I am under the jurisdiction of my chaperone and of Labo.

- **I UNDERSTAND** that misconduct on my part may result in my being sent home. If I am sent home due to misconduct on my part, or if I elect to return home before completion of the program for any reason, additional travel and related expenses will be the responsibility of my parents or legal guardian, and fees will not be refunded. If damage to property occurs, I can be assessed for the cost of replacement or repairs.

- **I AND MY PARENTS** or legal guardian agree to indemnify and hold harmless all organizations involved in this exchange program against any claims, losses, expenses or payments resulting from any misbehavior on my part or any act, or failure to act, by me.

I HAVE READ, AND WILL ABIDE BY THIS AGREEMENT:

Student: _____ Date _____

Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

The Labo In-Japan programs are educational experiences that focus on creating deep and lasting interpersonal relationships between your child and their host family. In order to achieve this, Labo has a number of policies and procedures designed to help your child make the most of their time in Japan, to limit homesickness, and to limit misunderstandings by maintaining clear lines of communication. Please read the points below and sign at the bottom to indicate that you understand and agree to abide by these policies and procedures.

- Internet access is not guaranteed during the homestay. If the host family does have internet, then Labo limits the delegate's usage to 3 times a week for 30 minutes each time.
- Phone calls and video conferencing (Skype, Windows Live, etc) are not allowed during the homestay.
- Delegates should not bring laptops. However, other small electronics (Nintendo DS, iPods, etc) are allowed, but usage during the program should be limited. Labo is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft that occurs during the homestay.
- Delegates should not bring international cell phones or any other devices that will allow them to call overseas.
- In the event that a problem does arise during the homestay, the following chains of communication will be followed:

TGE Family ↔ TGE Coordinator ↔ TGE Chaperone ↔ Delegate

The TGE Chaperone and TGE Coordinator will communicate with the Labo Tutor, USA Labo Staff, and Tokyo Labo Staff as required to provide resolution.

- OR -

Host Family ↔ Labo Tutor ↔ TGE Chaperone ↔ TGE Coordinator ↔ TGE Family

The Labo Tutor, TGE Chaperone, TGE Coordinator will communicate with the USA Labo Staff, and Tokyo Labo Staff as required to provide resolution.

These communication chains ensure that everyone is kept in the loop, and limits misunderstandings that may arise from language and cultural differences.

- If any concerns arise during the homestay, please contact the appropriate person in a timely manner. Most issues end up being a simple breakdown of communication or a cultural misunderstanding. Labo has over 40 years of experience in international youth exchange and will mediate the problem. Both the American parents and host parents should abide by Labo's decisions regarding plans of action.
- If the American parents do not agree with Labo's course of action, they may remove their child from the program. However, they will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by ending the program early.

Name of Applicant: _____

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____

Labo Sexual Harassment Policy

For North American Participants traveling to Japan

Sexual harassment is prohibited by Labo and will not be tolerated. All host family members, Labo staff and volunteers, and program participants are prohibited from engaging in any sexually harassing conduct.

Sexual harassment may be hard to recognize in certain circumstances. It can include making sexual advances; requesting sexual favors; touching or grabbing a sexual part of an individual's body; touching or grabbing any part of an individual's body after that person has indicated or it is known that the contact is unwelcome; exposing any part of one's body in an indecent and inappropriate manner; viewing sexual or intimate parts of another's body; displaying or transmitting pornography; using sexually vulgar or explicit language; or using electronic media to depict or "virtually" do any of the foregoing or similar things. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of behaviors that violate this policy.

If a program participant believes he, she, or someone else has been the victim of sexual harassment, the program participant must immediately report it to a Labo chaperone or representative. Any Labo chaperone or representative who receives such a complaint must immediately notify the Executive Director, who will in turn notify the program participant's parent/guardian. Law enforcement may also be notified.

All complaints will be taken seriously and investigated promptly. Labo will protect the confidentiality of those involved to the extent that it is consistent with its need to examine voiced concerns or to cooperate in an investigation. Labo will also immediately take steps to cease contact between the program participant and the alleged harasser, including removing the program participant from a host family's home.

As mentioned above, program participants are prohibited from engaging in sexual harassment. Thus, engaging in any form of sexual conduct of any nature whatsoever with or towards any other program participant or host family member (including host siblings), regardless of their age or apparent consent, is prohibited. Violating of this policy is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program, in which case the program participant will be responsible for all costs incurred in sending the participant back to his or her home country.

I have read and understand the above policy and agree to abide by it.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian (if participant is under 20): _____ Date: _____