

MICHIGAN-SHIGA HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE 2018

How the Program Works

JUNE/JULY

15 Michigan students* travel to Shiga and stay with a host family for 2 weeks, experiencing Japanese school and daily life.

*Students are accompanied by 2 adult chaperones

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The 15 Shiga students who hosted come to stay with their Michigan student and her/his family for 2 weeks and attend school.

Eligibility:

- Students currently in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in Michigan may apply to participate.
- Applicants should be open-minded, flexible, and willing to accept new challenges.
- Applicants must have passport that is valid for at least 3 months past the program end date.
- Applicants must submit a completed application by the deadline.

Program Benefits

Participating in an international exchange isn't just fun - it brings lasting benefits! Many students find that programs like this:

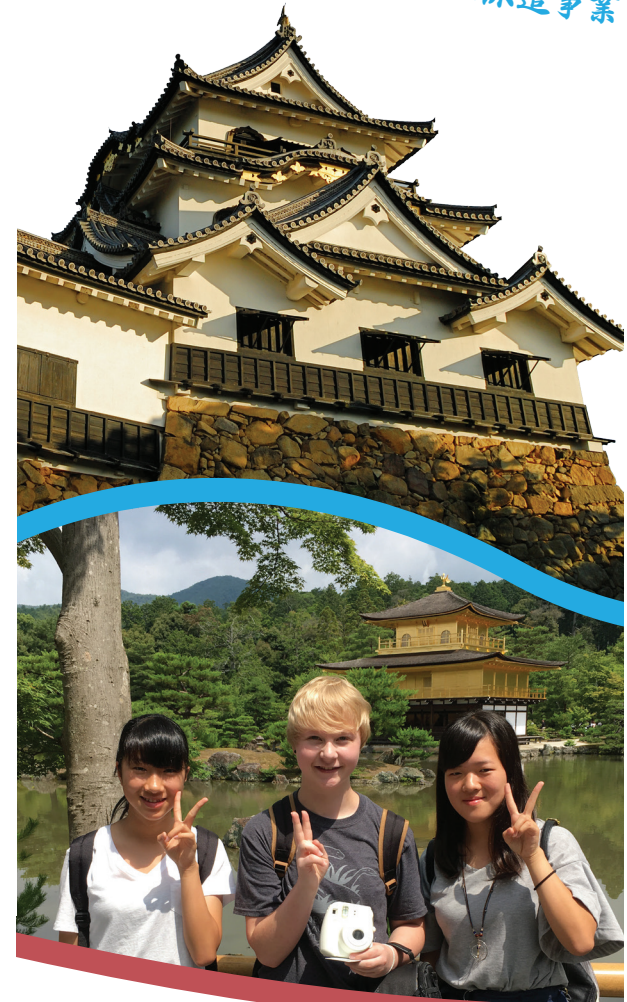
- Enhance your perspective and help prepare you for an increasingly globalized world.
- Foster independence and leadership skills.
- Help you stand out on applications for college or other opportunities.
- Motivate you to learn more Japanese!
- Leave you with lasting international friendships and experiences you'll never forget!

Funding & Scholarships

The program again received generous support from the Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD) Foundation, which has resulted in a continued lower program fee for all students.

Ideas for fundraising and information regarding possible need-based scholarship opportunities can be found on the JCMU website.

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**Application Forms
Available Online**
(see website or Facebook)

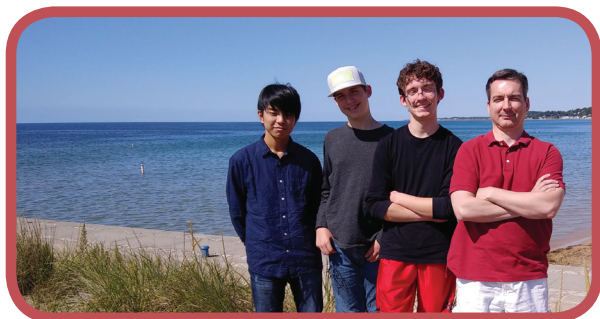
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Background Information

The Michigan-Shiga High School Exchange is a program of the Michigan-Shiga Sister State Board, a non-profit committee that has overseen activities and exchanges between the State of Michigan and Shiga Prefecture since the sister-state relationship was established in 1968. Hundreds of Michigan high school students have traveled to Japan and hosted their Japanese friends since the exchange began in 1990, contributing to the mutual understanding and appreciation that exists between our two states and countries.

About JCMU

The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) coordinates the Michigan-Shiga High School Exchange on behalf of the Michigan-Shiga Sister State Board. Founded in 1989 on the 20th anniversary of the Michigan-Shiga relationship, JCMU has educated thousands of students in Japanese language, culture, and various other fields of study through its diverse selection of college study abroad programs.

2018 Program Timeline*

3/9/18	Applications Due (must be postmarked by this date)
4/15/18	Orientation for selected candidates and parents/guardians at Michigan State University
April	15 participants and (up to) 5 alternates will be selected and notified
6/27/18	Michigan students leave for Japan
6/28/18	Michigan students arrive in Japan
6/29/18	Students meet their Shiga host families and the homestay begins
7/13/18	Michigan students depart Shiga (and arrive in Michigan)
8/29/18	Shiga students arrive in Michigan
8/30/18	Michigan families meet Shiga students in Lansing and the homestay begins
9/15/18	Farewell Reception for Shiga students and their host families

Program Considerations

- Selected applicants & parent(s)/guardians must attend the orientation in East Lansing.
- Applicants and their families must be able to host their Shiga student for two weeks in August/September (including attending the Welcome & Farewell events).
- The high school that the applicant attends must be willing to welcome a Japanese student and allow her/him to attend classes for two weeks.
- For applicants, previous study of Japanese language is helpful, but is not required.

Program Costs*

Program Fee (includes housing, most meals, and ground transportation in Japan, orientation, and international health insurance)	\$500
Airfare - Estimated (roundtrip from Michigan to Japan booked as a group flight)	~\$1,415
Spending Money - Estimated	\$400
Passport - Estimated	\$135

***Program dates and costs are subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.**

