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Ohio 4-H International Programs



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2012-2013 Ohio 4-H Hosting Opportunities!

* Host Family Applications for Japanese youth will be accepted until all youth are placed (usually April for Girls and May for Boys). Non-Japan Host Family Applications are due 2/28 Final.*

PROGRAM	# OF VISITORS	AGE GROUP	SIBLING REQUIREMENTS	LENGTH OF STAY	HOSTING DATES	APPLICATION DEADLINE*
2012 Labo Japanese Month-Long Youth (Offered every year)	85	12-17	Host families must have a child of same gender and approximate age.	3 ½ weeks with 1 host family	July 26 - Aug. 21, 2012	2/28 (1 st Choice) 5/15 (Final) *
2012 Labo Japanese Older Youth & Adult Chaperones (Offered every year)	9	18 – 21 or 30 – 55	None	12 days each with 2 families or 3 ½ weeks with 1 host family	July 26 - Aug. 8 <u>or</u> Aug. 8 - Aug. 21, 2012 <u>or</u> Both Periods	2/28 (1 st Choice) 5/15 (Final) *
2012 Argentina and Finland Month-Long Youth (If applying, please consider the Japanese program as a 2 nd choice, due to the small number of these youth visiting Ohio.)	Several from each country	15-19	Host families must have a child of same gender and approximate age.	4 weeks with 1 host family	July 2-30 (Finland) July 9 – Aug. 7 (Argentina)	2/28 (Final) *
2012-13 Labo Japanese Year-Long Youth (Offered <i>only</i> if a prior month-long youth wants to return to the same host family)	?	15-18	None	10½ months with 1 host family	Late July, 2012 – Mid-June, 2013	2/28

2013 Ohio 4-H Youth Travel Opportunities!

** Prices listed for programs below reflect a minimum \$1,500 scholarship which will be automatically awarded to all selected youth. See website for more details.

PROGRAM	# OF PARTICIPANTS	AGE GROUP	TRIP DESCRIPTION	TRAVEL DATES	COST AND SCHOLARSHIPS	SELECTION INTERVIEWS	APPLICATION DEADLINE
2013 Delegation to Japan (Labo) (Runs "Odd" Years Only) (Optional Language Training from June 9 to July 6 for \$1,100)	Unlimited	12-18 (on travel date)	Homestay + Camp	Appx. July 6 – August 4, 2013	\$2,650 or less ** (**Less for former 4-H host families)	Jan. 28, Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, 2013 in Columbus for applicant + 1 parent	January 24, 2013
2013 Delegation to Australia (Runs Every Year)	10	16-19 (on travel date)	Homestay + Sydney Trip	June 20 – July 19, 2013	\$3,700 or less** (**Less for former 4-H host families)	Jan. 28, Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, 2013 in Columbus for applicant + 1 parent	January 24, 2013
2013 Delegation to Finland (Runs Most Years)	10	15-19 (on travel date)	Homestay + Estonia Trip	Appx. June 25 - July 27, 2013	\$1,850 or less ** (**Less for former 4-H host families)	Jan. 28, Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, 2013 in Columbus for applicant + 1 parent	January 24, 2013
2013 Delegation to Costa Rica (Runs Most Years)	10	15-18 (on travel date)	Homestay + Camp	Appx. June 18 – July 16, 2013	\$1,350 or less ** ** Please see above for details	Jan. 28, Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, 2013 in Columbus for applicant + 1 parent	January 24, 2013
2014 Delegation to Norway (Runs "Even" Years Only)	10	16-19 (on travel date)	Homestay + Camp	July 1 – 30, 2014	\$3,000 or less** (**Less for former 4-H host families)	Late January/Early Feb. 2014 in Columbus for applicant + 1 parent	January, 2014
2013-2014 Labo Internship in Japan (Runs Every Year)	4 (Previous Japan travel required)	18-25, with High School Diploma	1 Year Homestay while working in Labo Offices	Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2014	NO COST: <i>Interns receive Salary & housing in Japan)</i>	In Sacramento in February 2013	December 15, 2012

2012 Ohio 4-H International Calendar



For more information, visit

www.ohio4h.org/youth/international

January

- 15 ICC Nominations Due from 4-H Educators
- 25 Applications and Deposits Due for 4-H Out-Bound Travel Programs to Australia and Norway (Youth and Adult Chaperones)
- 28 ICC Annual Training, Columbus
- 29 (See February 4 & 5) - Selection Interviews in Columbus for 4-H Travel Programs to Australia and Norway. You must hold all 3 dates, although we'll only use one, to be determined by weather.

February

- 4 & 5 (See January 29) - Selection Interviews in Columbus for 4-H Travel Programs to Australia and Norway. You must hold all 3 dates, although we'll only use one, to be determined by weather.
- 28 Host Family Applications Due for Japan Hosting – *Early Deadline for first choice placements*
- 28 Host Family Applications Due for Argentina and Finland Hosting – *Final Deadline (Note: Argentina program is still tentative.) (Note: Argentina & Finland matches are made on the national level and placement is not guaranteed due to the small number of youth coming. Please consider Japan as a 2nd hosting choice.) (Note: Host Family Applications will be accepted later than 2/28 if there still are some un-placed youth.)*

March

- 1 2nd Payments Due for all Outbound Youth Travel Programs
- 10 International Session at Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference/Teen Conference in Columbus

April

- ◇ Exchangee/Host Family Matches Begin

May

- 1 Final Payments due for all Outbound Youth Travel Programs
- 15 Host Family Applications for Japanese Youth Due – Final (Notes: All exchangees may already be placed. Also, Applications will be accepted later than this date if we still have some un-placed exchangees.)
- ◇ Labo Month-Long Host Family Orientations held throughout the state (Various Dates)

June

- 20 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Australia departs from OH
- ◇ Labo Month-Long Host Family Orientations held throughout the state (Various Dates)

July

- 1 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Norway departs from OH
- 2 Finland Youth arrive in Columbus and go to their Ohio Host Families.
- 9 Argentina Youth arrive in Columbus and go to their Ohio Host Families
- 19 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Australia Returns to OH
- 24 Japanese Labo Month-long Youth Arrive in Columbus for Orientation
- 26 Japanese Labo Month-Long Youth go to their Ohio Host Families
- 29 International Day at the Ohio State Fair, Columbus
- 30 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Norway Returns to OH
- 30 Finland Youth Depart from Ohio and return home

August

- 6 Argentina Youth Depart from OH for Home
- 8 Central Ohio Labo Mid-Point Gathering
- 8 Labo Japanese Adults and Older Youth Chaperones Change Host Families
- 10 Hardin Co. Area Labo Mid-Point Gathering
- 21 Japanese Labo Month-Long Youth Return to Columbus for Pre-Departure Meeting
- 22 Japanese Labo Month-Long Youth Depart from Columbus to Japan

September

- TBA 2012-13 Ohio 4-H/Labo Intern(s) Depart for Japan

December

- 15 2013-2014 Labo Internships in Japan – Applications due to Labo Sacramento Office

January, 2013

- 27 ICC Annual Training, Columbus



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2012 Ohio 4-H International Program ~ By the Numbers!

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Labo Exchange (Japan)

- ♣ More than **100** Ohio families each year host a Japanese youth or adult for either 1 month or 1 year. About **15** Ohio 4-H youth and adults travel to Japan to live with host families for 1-2 months every other summer.
- ♣ In 2012, **100** Ohio families will host a Japanese youth or adult for 1 month or 1 year.
- ♣ In 2013, **12** Ohio 4-H youth will travel to Japan and live with host families for 1-2 months.
- Since 1980, **3,420** Ohio 4-H families have **hosted** Japanese youth and adults for one **month**.
- Since 1989, **194** Ohio 4-H families have **hosted** **174** Japanese youth for one **year**.
- Since 1980, **233** Ohio 4-H youth and adults have **traveled** to Japan for one **month**.
- Since 1980, **9** Ohio 4-H older teens have **worked in Japan** as Labo Interns for one **year**.

OVERSEAS HOMESTAY PROGRAMS (Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland & Norway)

- ♣ In 2012, appx. **5** Ohio 4-H youth and adults will travel abroad to live with host families on these 1-month programs, and appx. **5** Ohio 4-H host families will host youth and adults from these countries.
- Since 2006, **10** Ohio 4-H youth and adult chaperones have traveled on these programs.
- Since 2006, **14** Ohio 4-H families have hosted for one month on these programs.

OHIO Youth Study Tours (Many Countries Around the World)

- Between 1994 and 2002, **93** Ohio 4-H youth traveled through Scandinavia, Australia, Europe and Costa Rica for 2-4 weeks, then lived with host families from those countries/continents.
- Between 1995 and 2003, **113** Ohio 4-H families hosted Youth Study Tour youth and adults from Denmark, Estonia, Costa Rica and the former East Germany for 2-3 weeks.
- Ohio Youth Study Tours may operate again in the future ~ stay tuned for upcoming announcements

International Volunteers

- ♣ **35** middle-manager volunteer International County Coordinators (ICCs) are assisting Ohio 4-H in developing and conducting our international programs during 2012-13.

International Speakers

- ♣ In 2012, over 1,000 Ohioans will attend a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.
- Since 1949, **220,000** Ohioans have attended a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.

For Reference ONLY: IFYE Exchange (Many Countries Around the World)

- ♣ IFYE, the oldest 4-H exchange, began operation in 1949. The Out-Bound portion was discontinued in Ohio in 2004, and the In-bound portion was discontinued in 2008.
- Between 1949 and 2007, **860** Ohio 4-H families hosted IFYE Representatives (ages 19-25) and Ambassadors (ages 14-19) from around the world for 3-6 weeks each.
- Between 1950 and 2004, **253** Ohio 4-H alumni ages 19-25 traveled abroad as IFYE Reps. for 6 months and **60** youth ages 14-19 traveled abroad as IFYE Ambassadors for 6 weeks.

~ INVITE THE WORLD HOME ~ BE A HOST FAMILY! ~

Can't find the time and money to travel? Enjoy the exposure to different cultures which traveling brings? Looking for a low-cost project or experience in which the whole family can participate and grow together? The Ohio 4-H International Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchangee from a foreign country. Families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a new son, daughter, brother, or sister into their circle. 4-H offers numerous hosting programs, ranging in duration from two weeks to one year. Exchangees come from around the world, include both youth and adults, and are usually members of clubs similar to 4-H in their home country. 110 Ohio families will take advantage of this unique opportunity in 2012. And ... non 4-H families automatically become 4-H members through their participation!

~ **Labo Japanese Month-Long Youth** (July 26 – August 21) (Ages 12-16)

Labo Month-Long Youth are placed in homes where there is a **host sibling of the same gender and approximate age**.

~ **Labo Japanese Older Youth Chaperones** (July 26 – August 8) OR (August 8 – 21) OR (Both)

Several older youth aged 19-22 will accompany the Labo month-long group, and will stay for 2 weeks with 2 different host families, or will spend the entire homestay with one host family.

~ **Labo Japanese Adult Chaperones** (July 26 – August 8) OR (August 8 – 21) OR (Both)

Several adult chaperones aged 30-55 will accompany the Labo month-long group, and will stay for 2 weeks with 2 different host families, or will spend the entire homestay with one host family.

~ **Month-Long Youth from:** **Argentina** (July 9 – August 7) (Ages 15-18) **Finland** (July 2 – July 30) (Ages 15-18)

These youth are placed in homes where there is a **host sibling of the same gender and approximate age**. Only 1-2 of these youth will visit Ohio, so please consider hosting a Japanese youth as a 2nd choice.

Applications to host Argentina or Norway youth are due by **February 28**. Applications to host youth or adults from Japan will continue to be accepted until all exchangees are placed, usually by **Mid-March** (girls) and **May** (boys). Returning the application does not obligate your family, nor does it assure assignment of an exchangee. Apply today ~ and **open your world!**

Being a 4-H international host family is easy, fun, rewarding and educational. Just welcome the exchangee into your home and treat him or her like one of the family. Your exchangee will want to join in everyday activities, help with chores and otherwise fit in as a brother, sister, son or daughter. No special activities need to be planned, although most families and visitors enjoy the opportunity to take occasional sightseeing trips to local attractions and landmarks during the visit. Host families appreciate the chance to develop friendships which reach around the world. They find that their visitor teaches them not only to understand other ways of life, but to understand and appreciate their own way of life as well.

Ohio 4-H is looking for all types of families to give exchangees a broad perspective about life in our state. Urban families, rural families, two-parent or single-parent families, older couples, singles, couples without children, and families with varied religious and ethnic backgrounds all have something to offer visitors from other cultures. (Note: Families without children are only eligible to host chaperones, since the youth exchange programs require the host family to have a host sibling of the same gender/age as the visitor.) Support is provided to families by State and Local 4-H Offices and a team of volunteer ICCs around the state.

Host families are asked to provide lodging, meals and snacks for their exchangee, as well as pay for their costs during family activities. Exchangees bring their own personal spending money, and the program provides medical insurance and 24/7 support.

↻ BE A HOST FAMILY! ~ CONTINUED ↻

Host Family Selection and Matching, completed in the spring, is based on a family's application, references, home visit, background check for those family members aged 18+, and how well an exchangee matches a family's preferences and interests. Selected families receive detailed information about their exchange and families and exchangees write letters and emails to become acquainted prior to arrival. Host Family Handbooks are distributed and Host Family Orientations are held around the state during May and June.

The host family experience doesn't end when the exchangee returns home. Usually, the friendships last a lifetime! Further visiting (both ways) sometimes occurs, and for host families, the world is forever a smaller place. If your family would like to host a 4-H exchangee please complete the Host Family Application located on our website or at the end of this booklet, and send it to: 4-H International Programs, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH, 43210.

↻ 2013 OHIO 4-H DELEGATION TO JAPAN ↻

Participating in the Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan gives Ohio young people the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the lives of others. Delegates live with a Japanese family for one month and take part in Labo camps and activities with host brothers and sisters. Many Ohio youth stay with the family of the Japanese youth who has previously visited them in Ohio, although this is not a requirement. Language fluency is not a prerequisite, but basic language study is required in advance of departure. Applicants need not be current 4-H members to apply ... in fact, they become 4-H participants through participation on this exchange!

Ohio sends a delegation to Japan on "odd" years only, so the next group will travel in 2013. Ohio youth aged 12 to 18 (on date of travel) who are willing to prepare for the exchange by studying the language, country and culture of Japan are invited to apply. Delegates should be willing to become an active member of a Japanese host family.

Program Dates are appx. **July 6 through August 4, 2013.**

Partial Scholarships Available! – see next page for details.

Costs: The fee for the 2013 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan will be appx. **\$2,650 or less** (this price reflects the \$1,500 base scholarship – see next page). Price includes: program support from staff in Ohio, Seattle, and Tokyo, orientations in Columbus (2), Seattle (overnight) and Tokyo (overnight), guidebooks, medical insurance, round-trip airfare from Columbus to Tokyo, all transportation taxes, travel to and from the Japanese host family, program expenses in Japan, 1 week at Labo Camp, final consultation and sightseeing in Tokyo, (2) 4-H shirts & luggage tag, a \$30-yen packet upon arrival in Japan, and 24/7 chaperone coverage beginning at gateway city. (There will be one chaperone for every 15-20 youth on the exchange.) Additional price for those choosing the Nihongo language program is **\$1,100 (see below).**

Optional "Nihongo" Language Program

An optional opportunity for those who would like to become conversant in Japanese is the intensive three-week Nihongo language program. Labo offers this program in Tokyo from appx. **June 9 – July 6.** Participants will then join the regular Ohio delegation for the month-long homestay until **August 4.** Nihongo students live with a Tokyo host family and attend classes during the day. The cost is **\$1,100** and covers tuition and books. In addition, weekday lunches must be purchased (about \$200). Host families provide lodging and all other meals.

How to Apply / Required Selection Interviews ~ Please notify us that you plan to apply (614-292-6941 or thalheimer.1@osu.edu) and visit www.ohio4h.org/youth/international for 2013 application form and instructions for completing it. Application and 1st payment are due **January 24, 2013.** All applicants plus at least 1 parent are required to attend Selection Interviews and Orientation #1 in Columbus on either **January 28, Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, 2013** (please hold all dates), as well as Orientation #2 in Columbus in spring, 2013.

2013 Travel to Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Norway!

In addition to Japan, Ohio 4-H offers 1-month overseas homestay programs in five other countries! Argentina (some years), Australia (most years), Costa Rica (most years), Finland (varies) and Norway (most “even” years) host small groups of about 10 teen 4-H’ers from around the U.S. during the summer. Participants live with a host family, participating in their “regular life” and becoming full family and community members.

The 2013 outbound programs (tentative) are to Australia, Argentina, Costa Rica, Finland and Japan.

Youth travelers are accompanied by a U.S. adult chaperone beginning in their gateway city and are provided with orientations both in the U.S. and on-site once they reach their host country. Age restrictions apply – please see the chart on page 2 of this booklet for each country’s requirements. Language fluency is not required, but basic language study is expected in advance of departure. Applicants need not be 4-H members to apply – in fact, they become 4-H members through participation on this exchange!

Each country’s program has distinctive features and is coordinated overseas by the 4-H organization in the host country, or through schools and community groups. *Norway* participants will experience a 1-week rustic tent-camping experience near the fjords. The *Australia* exchange is mainly rural and includes a trip to the capital of Sydney. (Note: A host sibling not guaranteed for the Australia program.) Please see the chart on page 2 of this booklet for dates and prices.

Partial Scholarships are available! – see below for details!

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↻ 2013 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUT-BOUND YOUTH! ↻

Ohio 4-H, Labo and IFYE are pleased to provide partial scholarships to each Ohio youth who is selected to travel overseas on one of our exchange programs – including Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and Norway. Selections will be based on the quality of the application form and essays, reference checks, and Required Selection Interviews in Columbus in late January (each youth plus at least one parent must attend). Please note that all scholarship monies will be awarded in September 2013 after successful completion of the program and submission of required items.

Each selected youth will receive a base scholarship of **\$1,500**, plus an additional scholarship based on hosting history with Ohio 4-H (**\$100** per month-long exchangee hosted or **\$1,000** per year-long exchangee hosted). A “Scholarship Application Form” is part of the general application packet for outbound travel. To learn your scholarship amount before applying, contact Mary Lynn (thalheimer.1@osu.edu) with your hosting history. For further details you may also visit our website (www.ohio4h.org/youth/international).

Sincere thanks to the wonderful donors making these Youth Travel Scholarships possible!

The Ohio 4-H Foundation
The Donald E. and Joan E. Herr Endowment Fund
The Cecil H. and R. Eloise Robinson Endowment Fund
The Ohio 4-H International Programs Endowment Fund
Individual Donors to the IFYE Support Fund
The Labo Foundation of Tokyo, Japan
The IFYE Association of the USA

~ IFYE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM UPDATE ~

The International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), founded in 1949 and the oldest 4-H exchange program, was discontinued in 2004 on the national level since it does not serve *youth of 4-H age*. Ohio also no longer participates due to attracting too few applicants each year and a lack of resources to coordinate the program without national assistance. We cannot thank you enough for your support of the IFYE program these many years, and we appreciate our many donors who have shifted their financial support to our other important exchange opportunities for 4-H age youth. *Danke, Gracias, Merci and Tak to our IFYE donors!*

~ THANK YOU TO OHIO'S ICCs! ~

These exceptional volunteers, called "International County Coordinators" (ICCs), will assist you with every aspect of your international hosting and/or traveling experience. 4-H is a volunteer-supported organization, and we could not continue our efforts toward international understanding without our ICCs. We salute and thank them for their time and dedication toward providing international experiences for Ohio's families and youth on the local level! Interested in becoming an ICC? Please contact your County Extension Office or Mary Lynn Thalheimer @ 614-292-6941 or thalheimer.1@osu.edu. The annual ICC Training is always held in Columbus the last Saturday in January, and this year will be on January 28, 2012. (The 2013 training date is January 27.)

~ LABO OFFERS PAID INTERNSHIPS IN JAPAN! ~

The Labo Foundation continues its generosity to the 4-H organization by offering paid one-year internships to 4-H'ers for working in its offices across Japan each year. Ohio 4-H is very proud of the 4-H Alumnus who have been selected to serve as Interns in the past: **Rylan Hamilton** (Hardin Co. – 2006), **Laura Corcoran** (Ross Co. – 2003), **Brienne Wyndham** (Hardin Co. – 2003), **Kim Krauser** (Warren Co. – 1996), **Scott Dye** (Holmes Co. – 1991), **Craig Perry** (Pickaway Co. – 1991) and **Susan Jones** (1990). During their year overseas, Interns work in a variety of capacities all over Japan, including preparing Japanese youth to come to America and assisting at local Labo Parties. Interns live with Japanese host families and most become fluent during their year abroad. We are grateful to Labo for providing this special opportunity to Ohio youth, which helps them in countless ways throughout their careers when they return to the U.S.

Any youth aged 18-25 and with a high school diploma prior to departure is eligible to apply. Strong preference is given to applicants who have previously traveled to Japan with the Ohio 4-H Delegation and who have at least a rudimentary knowledge of Japanese language. Please visit www.labo-exchange.com/intern for more information. Applications are due to Labo on December 15 each year, for departure the following September.

~ INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND CONFERENCE EVENTS ~

2012 International Day at the Ohio State Fair, scheduled for **July 29**, is an annual opportunity to celebrate all international aspects of 4-H. Host families, exchangees, 4-Hers who have traveled abroad, ICCs and anyone associated with international programs is invited to exhibit! Contact thalheimer.1@osu.edu for information.

The Ohio 4-H Volunteer & Teen Conference (March 10, 2012) is a state-wide educational event designed for current, former and prospective 4-H members and volunteers. Plan to stop by the *international exhibit* and attend the *international session* at the event, where you will learn about our exchange programs, travel options, volunteer positions, and cross-cultural understanding. Contact your Extension Office for registration materials.



2012 Ohio 4-H Host Family Application



• ENCLOSE PHOTO • PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE!

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION			(FOR 4-H OFFICE USE ONLY)	
FAMILY LAST NAME			ORGANIZATION	
STREET ADDRESS			NAME	
CITY	OHIO	ZIP:	ID CODE	
COUNTY:	FAX: ()		GENDER	AGE
HOME PHONE ()	YOUTH CELL: ()		YOUTH EMAIL:	
FATHER'S NAME:		FATHER CELL PHONE:	OCCUPATION:	BIRTHDATE:
FATHER'S EMAIL:		()		
MOTHER'S NAME:		MOTHER CELL PHONE:	OCCUPATION:	BIRTHDATE:
MOTHER'S EMAIL:		()		

OTHERS IN HOME (If applying to host a Month-long Youth, place an "X" to the left of the sibling who will be hosting the exchangee.)

"X"	NAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE (M/D/Y)	GRADE	AGE as of 8/30/12	HOBBIES / INTERESTS / PERSONALITY TRAITS

Location of Home: City Small Town Rural Non-farm Farm (# acres _____) Suburb Other _____

Do any adults in the home serve as 4-H Advisors? Mother Father Other Adult: _____

Is your family involved in 4-H? (not required) Yes No Type of Crops: _____

Farm Animals: _____ Domestic Animals: _____

Do you have any inside animals? Yes No If yes, what animals?: _____

Population of Town/City: _____ Is there a piano in your home? _____ (This question helps us with matching)

Family Interests: _____

Check boxes which apply: Smoking household Non-smoking household Smoking forbidden in our house
 Single family house Mobile home Apartment Other (describe): _____

If both parents work outside the home, who will assume responsibility when both parents are away? _____

Please explain ALL health concerns (physical, psychological) in the family. (For information of exchangee only) _____

Would your exchangee be expected to attend church with you? Yes No Religion: (optional) _____

Would you be able to accommodate an exchange with a special diet (vegetarian, no dairy, etc.)? Yes No

Foreign Languages Spoken: _____

Has your family hosted an exchangee before? Yes No

If "yes," Program Name(s): _____ Year(s): _____

Country(s): _____ Length of stay(s): _____

Why do you want to host? _____

REQUIRED! You *must* include a recent family photo with members identified. Okay to email to: thalheimer.1@osu.edu

PREFERENCES FOR EXCHANGEES (Please check ALL of the types of exchangees your family would be able to host)

If our first choice is unavailable, we will accept a different age: Yes NO a different gender: Yes NO

_____ Japanese Youth (ages 12-16) for 1 Month (July 26 to August 21) Male Female Either Age Preference: _____
(You must have your own child of the same gender and approximate age.)

_____ Japanese Older Teen or Adult Chaperone (ages 19-60) for 2 Weeks or 1 Month in late July or August
Gender Preference: Male Female Either
Age Preference: 19-22 (Older Teen) 30-60 (Adult) Either
Date Preference: July 26 - August 8 August 8-21 Either Both (July 26 – August 21)

Non-Japan Youth: Only a few of these youth are available. Must have your own child of same gender and approximate age. Please check (rank order) above if willing to host a Japanese youth as a 2nd choice if you are not matched with one of these youth.

_____ Finland Youth (age 15-18) for 1 Month (July 2 - 30) Male Female Either Age Preference: _____

_____ Argentina Youth (age 15-18) for 1 Month (July 9 - Aug. 7) Male Female Either Age Preference: _____

WE UNDERSTAND/CONFIRM ~ Parent(s) and main Host Sibling MUST initial each Item.

Parent(s) and Main Host Brother/Sister MUST Initial Each Item. Thank You.

_____ Host Family applicants will receive notification of selection as soon as possible by the State Coordinator (usually late April). Selection is based on references, application, home interview(s) which may or may not be announced, ability to closely match exchangees and families, and background checks. Families will be sent information about whether or not they need background checks after submitting this application. Applying does not obligate you to host nor does it assure assignment of an exchangee.

_____ The Ohio youth matched to host the exchangee must keep this exchange uppermost in mind during the hosting month, and ensure that the exchangee feels comfortable around friends and feels included in activities.

_____ If selected as a host family, we will be expected to treat the exchangee as a family member. We will communicate with the exchangee prior to arrival. Our visitor will be included in all family activities. Lodging, all meals, and family activities will be paid by us. No special arrangements for entertaining or traveling are expected. The program emphasizes the normal family life experience that can be gained from a host family stay. Our family must be flexible, patient and able to communicate both verbally and non-verbally while hosting. Only 1 exchangee per family is allowed for the month-long programs. Families with native-speakers may not host a visitor of that language.

_____ If our family owns any guns, they must be locked and kept out of sight during the homestay. (A visible but locked gun cabinet is OK.)

_____ Orientations will be held and orientation materials will be sent to us. We will read the information and familiarize ourselves with it. We are required to attend an orientation if we did not host with Ohio 4-H last year. (Note: All Year-Long Host Families must attend an Orientation, regardless of when they last hosted.) We are also expected to attend one mid-point activity during the homestay (offered around the state).

_____ We will contact the State Coordinator or the local ICC or County 4-H Educator immediately if illness or a problem/concern is evident. We understand and accept that in certain instances an exchangee must be removed from a home after placement.

_____ No family member has ever abused drugs or alcohol, received a DUI, or been convicted of child or spousal abuse, or any other felony criminal offense. (If past substance abuse or DUI applies, you will not necessarily be precluded from hosting, however, evidence of long-term sobriety must be provided.)

_____ We give permission to The Ohio State University, OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H, Labo and States' 4-H to use in public awareness programs any photos, voice and video images or activities in which the exchangee and the host family participate.

Parent Signature: (Required) _____ Date: _____

REFERENCES ~ List complete information for three individuals (non-relatives) who can be contacted. One person must be your 4-H Educator or Advisor. If you are not in 4-H, include someone from your school. Be sure to include valid phone and email.

NOTE: Your application will be returned to you if the information below is not complete! Thank you!

Name: _____ Day Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____ Day Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name: _____ Day Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send Photo + Complete, Signed Application to: Ohio 4-H International Program, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH, 43210

Phone: 614-292-6941 Email: thalheimer.1@osu.edu Web: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international