

# Join and lead Youth Ambassadors on a global adventure! BECOME A DELEGATION LEADER

2025 Spring and Summer International Youth Exchanges

Interested former or current educators are invited to apply to become a Delegation Leader to one of Fort Worth's sister cities in China, Eswatini, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, and Japan for spring or summer exchanges. If you have the interest and the commitment to provide a global education for students, you can experience a memorable visit to one of the cities listed below. Expenses for travel are provided except for a \$500 program fee, host family gifts, luggage costs, some meals, and miscellaneous costs. Travel arrangements are made by Sister Cities in collaboration with our international colleagues. All teachers and youth stay with host families and for some exchanges, one night in a youth hostel.

Refer to the Youth Ambassador flyer on our website at <u>www.fwsistercities.org</u> for detailed information.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervise 8-20 middle and/or high school students to China, Eswatini, France, Hungary, Italy or Japan and provide a memorable and educational experience.
- Recruit five students to apply for an exchange. If your students are selected, your \$500 program fee will be refunded.
- Coordinate training to prepare the students. Spring exchanges meet twice a month, and summer meet monthly.
- Must be available for student interviews to select Youth Ambassadors Nov. 4—10. (dates depend on number of applicants). Mandatory attendance at Dec. 8 pretravel orientation with selected students and their parents or guardians.
- Harashin teachers will work with Sister Cities to plan and implement the local program for inbound Nagaoka students in July. Must be available to host Nagaoka teacher and participate in all activities during their visit to Fort Worth (approx. July 20-28).

## REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY: March 15–23, 2025

Reggio Emilia is a scenic and historic city. Visit historical sites including cathedrals and palazzos dating back to the 12th century.

#### NIMES, FRANCE: March 15–23, 2025

Nimes is a scenic and historic city. Visit historical sites including ancient ruins and see why it is called the "French Rome."

#### BUDAPEST, HUNGARY: March 15–23, 2025

Experience 2000 years of history in a city reborn several times from pre-Roman to post Iron curtain as you journey through time.

#### NAGAOKA, JAPAN: June 19-27, 2025

Nagaoka is a city of tranquility rich in history. Live with a host family, visit local sites, and enjoy a day excursion to the Sea of Japan.

#### SPORT CAMP-TRIER, GERMANY: July 12-20, 2025

Explore archeological areas of Germany's oldest city, Trier. The group will visit medieval markets, theaters, museums, and palaces. This is a sports program but students and leaders do not need to be athletes to participate.

## HARASHIN SCHOLARS PROGRAM-NAGAOKA, JAPAN

\*RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE—MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH PROGRAMS Inbound: July 20—28, 2025, Outbound: July 30—August 9, 2025 Experience Japanese lifestyle and traditions. Also attend the "hanabi" fireworks festival, one of the largest in the world.

## MBABANE, ESWATINI: June 2026

Mbabane, capital of the Kingdom of Eswatini remains the only absolute monarchy left in the world. Ceremonial culture, wildlife safari, museums and nature preserves are there to be experienced.

# APPLICATION DEADLINE - SEPT. 30, 2024

Interviews will be scheduled the week of Oct. 7 at the Sister Cities offices.















To apply, complete the online application and submit your resume, one-page essay on "What qualifications I possess that would make me a good delegation leader" and letter of recommendation from your principal, program director, or supervisor. Letters of recommendation can be emailed to: <u>beth@fwsistercities.org</u>.

