

TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION (TSCA) STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student Applicant First/Last Name:

Recommender's First Name/Last Name:

Recommender Contact Information (email/phone):

DIRECTIONS:

1. Please rate the applicant in all areas, by checking the appropriate boxes.
2. Your ratings and comments will be kept confidential.
3. Please make additional comments in the free response area below.
4. Please send recommendation by email to tscaexchange@gmail.com
5. Put student name in subject line of email.
6. **Due by third Monday of December.**

We value your honest feedback regarding this student, and appreciate the time you took to complete the form. Below is information about the Torrance Sister City Exchange Program and required qualifications for the applicants.

WHAT

The annual student cultural exchange program with Kashiwa, Japan.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Torrance and its sister city, Kashiwa, Japan, have had many rewarding civic, educational, and cultural exchanges since February 20, 1973, when the two cities became affiliated. Under this program, over the past forty years, the Torrance Sister City Association has sponsored hundreds of exchange students. This trip is far more than a vacation in a foreign country; it's a cultural experience!

STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any high school student who is a sophomore, junior or senior at the time of applying. (19-year-old maximum age at the time of the trip.)
2. The student must be a FULL-TIME resident of the City of Torrance.
3. The student must be mature enough to benefit from the experience and be a creditable Ambassador representing the Torrance Sister City Association, the City of Torrance, and the United States of America.
4. The applicant must be a student in good academic standing at his/her school.
5. The student must be interested in learning about Japanese customs, culture, and language.

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Recommendation Questions

How long have you known this student?

Position/Relationship to applicant:

How well do you know this student?

Areas of Consideration	Please select your rating from the drop-down menu
Well-developed sense of maturity	
Ability to use good judgement to inform decision-making	
Sense of responsibility to self and others	
Motivation to succeed in any situation	
Leadership skills	
Ability to handle stressful situations	
Ability to be tactful and considerate of others	
Genuine interest in meeting people	
Depth of understanding	
Ability to communicate well orally	
Ability to speak publicly in front of large groups	
Ability to be open to new ideas and experiences	
Intellectual curiosity	

How would you recommend this student? (Check the appropriate response).

- ☐ I recommend without reservation
- ☐ I recommend
- ☐ I recommend with reservations
- ☐ I do not recommend

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Recommender's Free Response – please share any feedback you have regarding this applicant.

What are this student's strengths in terms of representing his/her community?

What are this student's weaknesses in terms of representing his/her community?

Do you have any concerns about this student participating in the Student Exchange program?

Any additional comments: