



Explore Japan: A Cultural Adventure Awaits!

Are you aged 18 to 24 and eager to embark on a cultural journey like no other? The Town of Collingwood and the Collingwood/Katano Sister City Committee invite you to express your interest in a unique opportunity to travel to Katano, Japan. We are offering one or possibly two local youth the chance to be part of a special group of approximately 35 participants for a two-week, immersive trip this Fall, with all travel and accommodation costs covered!

Why Apply?

- **Cultural Exchange:** Live with a Japanese family and immerse yourself in their culture.
- **World Fair Experience:** Participate in the Canadian Pavilion at the World Expo in Osaka, Japan.
- **Adventure in Tokyo:** Enjoy free days to explore the bustling city of Tokyo on your own!

Trip Details:

- **Dates:** September 27th to October 9th
- **Costs:** Only \$400 for personal expenses and meals not covered during the adventure.
- **Eligibility:** Youth aged 18-24 living in Collingwood.

Interested? Apply Now!

Please complete the form below by June 11, 2025, 1:00 PM to express your interest in this exciting journey:

- **Name:** _____
- **Preferred Pronouns:** _____
- **Gender (Required for accommodation placement):** _____
- **Do you reside in the Town of Collingwood?** [] Yes [] No
- **Are you between the ages of 18 -24?** [] Yes [] No
- **Are you comfortable potentially sharing a room with another youth?** [] Yes [] No

Comments: _____

- **Submit an attached short essay (maximum 500 words), or a short video essay (maximum of 2 minutes) explaining why you want to participate in this cultural exchange.**
- **List your community involvement:** _____

- **Have you traveled by plane before?** [] Yes [] No



- **Do you have any special accommodation needs? If yes, please specify:**

- **Are you applying with a friend for this trip? If yes, provide their name:**

[] I hereby consent to have my name and interest released if selected as the chosen youth candidate for this trip for use by the Town and/or Sister City Committee for promotion and awareness of the successful candidate(s).

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

*Please submit the completed application to the Town of Collingwood, Office of the Mayor via: officeofthemayor@collingwood.ca or hand deliver to 97 Hurontario Street, Collingwood

This is a life-changing opportunity to explore a new culture, make international connections, and represent Collingwood abroad. We look forward to your application!

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