

**2023 Application**

**Short Term Youth Exchange**



**District 7475 and District 2670**

Short Term Youth Exchange

**Email completed application and a picture to Jim Allison at:**

JRA188@aol.com (No signature is required on email copy)

**Questions, call:** Jim Allison at 201-213-6382

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|  | **Application Timeline** |
|  | Applications from **students ages 15 to 18** will be accepted beginning December 1, 2022 and will continue to be accepted until all positions are filled. |
|  | Students must be interviewed and accepted into the program. Interviews will be scheduled January – March. |
|  | Interviews are granted in the order the applications are received. |
|  | Once 16 students are accepted into the program the application process will close regardless of dates. |

**Information and Instructions**

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\***Read information and directions carefully before completing the application.**

***This application must be typed on this form using Microsoft Word on a PC.***

* When the application is complete, attach it to an email and send it to Jim Allison at JRA188@aol.com. The application must be sent as an attachment to the email. **Please do not change the Word document format.** **No signatures need to be included with the email application. You and your parents will sign the application at the interview.**

* Short Term Youth Exchange Program participants will be interviewed and a determination will be made regarding acceptance. If you are accepted as a program participant, a copy of this application and photo will be sent to Rotary District 2670 (Shikoku, Japan) and to your host families in Japan. It will serve as your introduction to your host family. It is important that the first impression you make is a good one.

* **Passport:** If you do not have a passport, or if it is about to expire, apply for one or renew it immediately. It is mandatory that your passport be available by April 1, 2023 when group airline tickets are purchased. It can take several weeks to obtain a passport.

* **Cost of participation in the program:** The cost of the trip is $3,800, all inclusive. If you are accepted into the program, a $500 non-refundable deposit is required. The balance is due at the orientation program in April.

* **Dates of Travel:** Departure is scheduled for June 29, 2023, returning July 20, 2023. Note: Travel dates may vary, plus or minus 3 days, depending on availability of airline flights.

* **Applicant and Parents/Legal Guardian:** All parent/guardian information must be completed. If your parents are divorced or separated, provide the requested information for both parents (not stepparents). If someone other than a parent is your legal guardian, provide the requested information for the legal guardian. Authorizations must be obtained from all parents/guardians.
* **Local Rotary Club in Your Community:** After acceptance into the program, you will need to make contact with a local Rotary club in your community to obtain their support. Ask them for “Rotary banners” to exchange with Rotary clubs in Japan. Having a relationship with a local Rotary club will give you a better understanding of the purpose of Rotary.

* **Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange:** As a condition of participation, students and parents must agree to the conditions established for the program. Complete information and details are on the last pages of the application.



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**Application**

**Short Term Youth Exchange to Japan**

**Rotary District 7475**

**Applicants must complete this form on a PC using Microsoft Word. Do not change this format. Read application instructions before completing.**

**1. Applicant Information**

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| **FULL LEGAL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT:** | | | | | | |
| First Name: Suhawani | Middle Name: |  | Last Name: Prakash | | Gender:  Male  Female | |
| Street Address: 24 Laurel Street | | City Morris Plains State NJ Zip Code: 07950 | | | | |
| Cell Phone: 973-449-1994 |  | Email address: Suhawanip@gmail.com | | | | |
| Date of Birth  (e.g. yy/mm/dd): Year 2006 Month December Day 25 | | Age: 16 | | Current school: Morristown High School | | |
| Place of birth  (City, State, Country): Edina, Minnesota, United States of America | | Country of citizenship: United States of America | | | | |
| Do you have a current passport?  YES  NO | | Passport Number: | | | | Expire Date: |

**2. Parent/Legal Guardian Information**

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| **Full Name of Father/Parent/Legal Guardian** | | | **Full Name of Mother/Parent/Legal Guardian** | |
| First Name: Prem | | Last Name: Prakash | First Name: Soni | Last Name: Raizada |
| Street Address: 24 Laurel Street | | | Street Address: 24 Laurel Street | |
| City Morris Plains State NJ Zip Code: 07950 | | | City Morris Plains State NJ Zip Code: 07950 | |
| Cell Phone: (973)-449-1994 | |  | Cell Phone: (732)-567-8989 |  |
| Employer: UPS | | Occupation: IT Director | Employer: Cigna | Occupation: IT Architect |
| Email Address: forprem@gmail.com | | | Email Address: agra.soni@gmail.com | |
| Rotarian?  Yes  No | | If Yes, Club Name: | Rotarian?  Yes  No | If Yes, Club Name: |
|  | Check here if parents are divorced or separated. Authorization must be obtained from all parents/legal guardians and others who have legal  rights to make decisions that could affect the student’s participation. | | | |

**3. Shirt Size Information:**

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| Shirt Size:  Small  Med  Large  XL |

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**4. Reciprocal Hosting:**

Rotary District 7475 strongly requests that American exchange student families host Japanese exchange students during their visit to the US in August., Priority for acceptance into the program will be given to those students whose families are willing to host for **SIX DAYS** in August. This will be discussed at the interview.

Is your family able to host two Japanese students for **SIX DAYS** in August?  YES  NO

Comment:

**5. Emergency Contacts Other Than Parents:**

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| Name: Anil L. | Relationship: Family Friend | Contact Number: 650-649-9192 |
| Name: Chaitanya G. | Relationship: Family Friend | Contact Number: 925-364-1221 |

**The information below will be used as part of the interview process. If you are selected to participate, this information will be shared with Rotary District 2670 in Japan and the host families with whom you will be staying. Please answer the questions with sufficient information and detail so people will know about you, your interests, your likes, dislikes, etc.**

1. Why do you want to participate in this program?

During my school year I'm taking a class by the name of Human Geography. It is a college level course which discusses the relationships between different human communities, economics, cultures. It also discusses a group interaction with the enviromentand topogrpahy. All the ideals make a society and culture. This is my favorite class I have ever taken and we heavily discussed Japan and its culture. I would love to see, firsthand, the Japanese culture and people. I'd greatly enjoy their interactions and comparing and talking about our lives. I want to travel and learn more about the world and I know that this can be my first start.

1. What specifically do you want to do, see and experience in Japan?

I would love to learn about Japanese colture and history. Japan is well known for their beautiful natural scenery which I would love to witness firsthand. I also would love to eat Japanese desserts such as Dorayaki and Amezaiku. I would also love to go see Nara and some Japanese shrines and temples. I would want to go to Tokyo to see the culture and experience the arts such as calligraphy, ikebana, and festivals. When I saw the description that this trip is planning to do everything which is one my bucket list I immediately realised this was my first chance to learn and explore beyond my horizons.

1. Describe the community in which you live.

The people around me are very kind and easily approachable. Even if we don't know one another it's easy to laugh and joke about experiences. The people in my community are very sweet and seem to enjpy going to the garden and eat at the small restaurants we have around town.

1. Describe your family, including: siblings, pets, family interests and activities, etc.

In my household I live with my father, mother, and brother. We enjoy watching movies, playing tennis, and eating together. We love going out to restaurants and movie theaters. During the Summer we play tennis 5-8 every night. My brother and I read books together and learn piano, singing, and taekwondo together.

1. Have you ever been away from home for longer than a week without your parents or relatives?

YES  NO If yes, where, with whom and for how long?

6. Have you ever visited another country?

YES  NO If yes, where? India and Canada

7. What is your favorite school subject? Biology Why? I have fun doing research and dissections as well as learning about microorganisms, cells, living things, and our own bodies!

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8. What is your least favorite school subject? Physics Why? As a whole, I didn't truly understand the subject but I found the labs and activities to be enjoyable.

9. What are your strongest characteristics?

I'm very extroverted. This allows me to easily make close friends. I enjoy learning and talking about other people's experiences and my own. I find it enjoyable to be able to learn about other cultures, languages, and hobbies.

10. What are your weakest characteristics?

I try to perfect everything which uses up a lot of time. When I'm given a project and essay I turn it in right before it's due because I'm afraid that I won't be able to suceed in school because of one small mistake. Sometimes, all the time spent is for nothing because the teachers don't even notice anything wrong.

11. How do you handle difficult and challenging situations? Give an example.

First, I figure out the root of my problems, then I make a plan. After that, I try to find a solution. If needed I always ask for help. For example. once when I was in mock trial one of the attorneys had to leave right before our competition. I was a witness and had never been an attorney. I knew the root of my problem was my lack of experience. Then I planned and tried to practice. I looked over the material, direct examinations, cross examinations, openings, closings, and objections. Then I asked another attorney in my team to help me with rules, manners, and tone. Overall, it was a huge success.

12. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being very shy and 10 being very outgoing, rate yourself.

10!

13. Have you participated in any extracurricular activities in High School?

YES  NO

If yes, please describe. Mock Trial, Academic Decathlon, Speech and Debate, Model UN, Health Professionals, and Future Buisness Leaders of America.

14. What are your hobbies? I play the piano, sing, play tennis, bowl, read, watch movies, and make films.

15. What are your future plans and ambitions?

I want to major is either Biomed and Sustainability or in History and Architecture. I, then, want to get a Ph.d in a subject that interests me.

16. Other than English, what languages do you speak? (Indicate your fluency level).

(1 = very limited, 2 = short sentences, 3 = fluent)

Language: Hindi Fluency Level:  1  2  3

Language: Frenc Fluency Level:  1  2  3

17. Identify four major issues confronting youth today.

One: Time Management

Two: Reliance on technology

Three: Mental health

Four: Peer pressure.

18. Select the most important issue from above and tell us why it is of personal concern to you.

Time management is a huge issue for me. I struggle with managing my time in a way that allows me to get all the work I have done. Everyday, I have to practice piano, finish homework, study for tests, do clubs, and play sports. I also have to keep up with my social life and friends. Everyday I have to make sure that the work I do is finished in a concise and timely manner. It's difficult since it is east ro fall behind but, I am satisfied by all the work I do when I look back on my day.

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| **Dietary Information** |  |

19. What are your favorite foods to eat?

Anything

20. What foods do you dislike or won’t eat?

Red Meat

21. Do you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe. Red Meat

**Medical Information:**

22. Are you taking any prescription medications?  Yes  No

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| **Name of Medication** | **Reason** | **Dosage** | **Frequency** | **Date Started** |
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23. Are you allergic to any animals?  Yes  No

If yes, provide additional information:

24. Are you allergic to any medications?  Yes  No

If yes, provide the name(s) of the medications and reactions:

Not sure, but so far none

25. Have you ever experienced an emotional disorder such as depression, anxiety

eating disorders, antisocial behavior or personality issues?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

26. Do you have any medical conditions, disabilities or other health issues?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe:

**Other**

27. Please complete the following Comments

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| Do you smoke? | Yes | No |  |
| Have you ever used drugs? | Yes | No |  |
| Have you ever been arrested? | Yes | No |  |
| Have you ever been suspended from school? | Yes | No |  |
| Have you ever been in a physical  confrontation with another person? | Yes | No |  |

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**Program Rules and Conditions of Exchange**

1. You must obey the laws of the host country. If charged with a violation of any law, student can expect no assistance from Rotary or their native country. Student will be returned home as soon as released by authorities.

2. You are not allowed to possess or use illegal drugs or alcohol.

3. You are not authorized to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind. i.e., car, boat, jet ski, moped, Segway, etc.

4. Purchasing or consuming of alcoholic beverages is expressly forbidden.

5. Unauthorized travel is not allowed. Students must remain with the group or host families at all times and follow the travel plan and rules of the Short Term Youth Exchange Program.

6. You must be covered by a medical insurance policy. Parents are responsible for all expenses related to any medical issue including but not limited to medical fees, hospitalization, medications, transportation, lodging, and any supplemental airfare for the student and parents (if necessary).

7. You will be under the host Rotary District’s authority while you are an exchange student. Parents/guardian may not authorize any extra activities directly for their son/daughter. Relatives or friends in the host country will have no authority over students while they are in the program.

8. Visits by parents, relatives, siblings, or friends are not permitted.

9. Any unusual costs relative to a student’s early/late return home for violation of the Program Rules or for any other reason, shall be the responsibility of the student’s parents/guardians.

10. All students, host family members and volunteers working with students must be fully vaccinated with the

COVID 19 vaccine. Proof of vaccination is required.

**Travel Authorizations**

The undersigned APPLICANT and the undersigned PARENTS or GUARDIANS of the applicant hereby agree that the applicant be permitted to travel to Japan and live in Rotary approved homes as a participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

**Photography/Video Release**

The undersigned APPLICANT and the undersigned PARENTS or GUARDIANS of the applicant hereby agree to allow photographs or videos to be taken of the applicant which may be used for promotion purposes of the program.

**Permission for Medical Care**

The undersigned APPLICANT and the undersigned PARENTS or GUARDIANS of the applicant hereby give PERMISSION for any medical or surgical treatment (including but not limited to, administration of anesthetic, surgery, blood transfusion) which a medical practitioner may deem necessary or advisable for the treatment of any illness or injury suffered by the applicant during this youth exchange. In the event of an accident or sickness, your signature on this document hereby authorizes any Rotarian, authorized chaperone of program activities, and/or host parent(s) of your son/daughter/ward to select the appropriate medical facility and physician(s)/dentist(s) to provide treatment. Your signature further gives consent to any medical or surgical treatment by a licensed physician, surgeon, or dentist that might be required for your son/daughter/ward in any emergency situation. You will be notified as soon as possible, but emergency treatment will not be delayed to provide such notice. You also agree and understand that you are responsible for the full cost of all medical treatments, hospitalization, lodging, transportation and any other related costs.

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**Declaration**

**In consideration** of the acceptance and participation of the applicant in this program, the undersigned APPLICANT and his/her PARENTS or LEGAL GUARDIANS, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify all host parents and members of their families, and all members, officers, directors, committee members, and employees of the host and sponsoring Rotary clubs and districts, and of Rotary International, from any and all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury, or death, including any such liability that may arise out of any negligent act or omission, excepting gross negligence or intentional conduct, of any such persons or entities, which may be suffered or claimed by such applicant, parent, or guardian during, or as a result of, the participation by the applicant in this Youth Exchange program, including travel to and from the host country.

As the undersigned applicant and undersigned parents or legal guardians of the applicant, we hereby state that we have read and understand the above regulations. We agree to abide by these rules and conditions and understand that any violation may result in abrupt termination of the exchange, and we further agree that the host Rotary Club and host Rotary District shall have final authority in enforcing these rules and conditions and any other rules and conditions which may be imposed with due notice.

The undersigned applicant, parents or legal guardians attest that the student is of good health and character, and understands the importance of the role of a youth ambassador as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, and will, to the best of his or her ability, maintain the high standards required of a Rotary Youth Exchange student. All those signing this document further state that the information provided in this application and the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

**Signatures:**

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| (Print) Applicant Name |  | Applicant Signature |  | Date |
| (Print) Father/Parent/Guardian |  | Father/Parent/Guardian Signature |  | Date |
| (Print) Mother/Parent/Guardian |  | Mother/Parent/Guardian Signature |  | \_ Date |
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