



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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The 35th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention sponsored in part by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) (March-July 2023)

****DEADLINE: POSTMARKED or RECEIVED BY JASH OFFICE BY
4:30PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 ****

For physical applications, mail to: 1600 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 204; Honolulu, HI 96814

For digital submissions, visit: <https://forms.gle/Rv3xTHhVHsJ6Hvds9>

For program information, documents, and links, visit: <https://jashawaii.org/apcc>

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is looking for applicants to participate in the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan from July 15-25, 2023. The program consists of two parts: First, students will attend preparatory JASH Workshops (March-July), including an overnight team-bonding stay at Camp Erdman, and then travel to Japan for the APCC global youth camp and homestay program. The 2023 program marks the first time our delegation will travel to Fukuoka since the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, **JASH is selecting 4 students (2 girls, 2 boys) born between August 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012** to serve as our 2023 Junior Ambassadors (JAs).

During the APCC, delegations from 40 different Asian-Pacific countries and regions have been invited to share their cultures, and make new friends in Fukuoka. The APCC offers students the opportunity to build a network of mutual understanding as they meet and learn more about others who may look and speak differently from themselves. The vision of the APCC is to generate appreciation for the cultures of other nations and regions with the aim of promoting mutual understanding and friendship, to nurture international awareness in young people, and finally to realize world peace and co-existence through these activities. After serving as JAs, many alumni stay connected through the network of Bridge Club International Organizations (BCIO) and may be eligible to travel to Fukuoka in the future through their Peace Ambassador program.

To support the APCC's mission, JASH's local preparatory workshops include exciting activities such as: local field trips for hands-on experiences with Japanese culture; leadership development and team-building activities; and a two-day, one-night stay at the YMCA's Camp Erdman in Mokuleia. Through our program, JAs expand their horizons, researching and learning about regions and cultures in Asia and the Pacific. They explore what life is like in small fishing villages and large cities, and unravel the common cultural themes and core values that weave us all together. During their time at Camp Erdman, JAs escape to Oahu's North Shore to connect with each other and gain insight into their own values, skills, and goals as individuals.

The JASH APCC curriculum equips JAs with invaluable life skills, including *cross-cultural understanding, multilingual communication, leadership, and teamwork*, fostering our JAs as the next generation of Nichibei (Japan-America) Leaders. If your child is passionate about Japan, loves our local island culture, and is excited to learn from and share with students throughout the Asia-Pacific region, then this is the program for them!

**** Please note that program details are subject to change to comply with local and international health and safety guidelines.*

CHECKLIST and APPLICATION FORM

All items must be **postmarked/received** by the JASH Office by the deadline of **Monday, February 6, 2023**.

Mail:

ATTN Christianne Ono
Japan-America Society of Hawaii
1600 Kapiolani Blvd., Ste. 204
Honolulu, HI 96814

Fax: (808) 524-4451

Online Form: <https://forms.gle/Rv3xTHhVHsJ6Hvds9>
(*Google Sign-In Required*)

- 1) Please read through the following checklist and information below. Please sign and submit pages 6-14 of this packet with your application. **In addition to the applicant's signature, one parent/guardian and the principal of the applicant's school must also sign the form** (page 6).
- 2) STUDENTS - Please clearly **PRINT** in blue or black **pen** the information requested on the application form (pages 9-14 of this packet). Limit your responses to the front and back of the form only. Do not submit additional sheets. Pages 9-14 **MUST BE HANDWRITTEN** regardless of mailed or electronic submission.
- 3) Please attach (paperclip or scan) a wallet or passport-size photo of the applicant (maximum size 3" x 3") to your application. Please note: for mailed submissions, the photo will not be returned.
- 4) Applicants should complete and submit their materials (with the exception of teacher recommendation forms) via mail, fax, or our online form.
- 5) Please give **TWO** teachers the attached recommendation forms to complete (pages 7 & 8). One teacher must be your current homeroom teacher and the other may also be a current teacher or any other that you have had within the past two years. The forms may also be found on our website. Please note, the two teachers cannot be relatives of the applicant. For students who are homeschooled, please inquire about this process.

Please instruct your teachers to submit their recommendation forms directly to JASH via mail, fax, or our online form.

For questions about the JASH Asian-Pacific Children's Convention Program, please visit our website at jashawaii.org/apcc or contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono (cono@jashawaii.org, 808-524-4450).



PARTICIPATION CHECKLIST

Please carefully read this application packet. For your convenience, we are providing a checklist of the Junior Ambassador criteria. Please sign and submit the signature page of this checklist (page 6) with your APCC application. You may keep pages 1-5 for your information. In order for students to be eligible to participate as Junior Ambassadors for the 35th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC), the following criteria must be met:

- To have been born between **August 1, 2011 and July 31, 2012**;
- Not to be a child or relative of the chaperone or any member of the JASH staff;
- To be of healthy body and mind;
- To be interested in the exchange of cultures between children from countries and regions in Asia and the Pacific;
- To be able to introduce their own cultures to others;
- To participate in activities of Bridge Club Hawaii (APCC alumni association) after the APCC trip;
- To adhere to the **RULES** as listed below:
 - Do not ask the host family to take you on specific sightseeing activities or shopping.
 - **Except for emergencies, parents/relatives should NOT call or email their child at their host family during his/her home stay in Japan. Neither should the child call or email their parents/relatives.**
 - Parents/Relatives cannot accompany their child to/from Fukuoka.
 - Do not leave your delegation during the travel to and from Fukuoka and while in Fukuoka.
 - Adhere to the host family's rules and schedule during the home stay.
 - Do not engage in activities whose purpose differs from that of the APCC, such as commercial transactions (e.g. activities for monetary gain).
 - Must sign "Parental Consent/Media Release Waiver of Liability" form if selected.
- If selected as a Junior Ambassador, a full commitment must be made to **attend every APCC event**. The only exception would be a family emergency; Sports and other extracurricular conflicts are not permissible excuses. Missing a workshop may lead to disqualification. Students who are late or do not complete homework assignments on time may be penalized and/or disqualified. JASH reserves the right to dismiss any JA from the program at its discretion. Finalists will receive a more detailed calendar in their acceptance packet. Workshops and other events may be rescheduled and/or held virtually depending on the public health situation for the safety of all our participants.

Tentative 35th APCC Workshop and Events Schedule (subject to change):

NOTE: The mandatory in-person interview date will be **Saturday, March 4, 2023** at the JASH Office. Please keep this day open; you will be contacted with your interview time by February 21.

Workshops are typically held at the JASH Office from 8:30AM-1:00PM.

1. Saturday, March 11, 2023 (Orientation with parents & guardians)
2. Saturday, April 1, 2023 (In-Person Workshop)
3. Saturday, April 22, 2023 (In-Person Workshop)
4. Sat.-Sun., May 6-7, 2023 (Overnight at Camp Erdman)
5. Saturday, May 20, 2023* (Visitor Industry Charity Walk (*TBA*))
6. Saturday, June 3, 2023 (In-Person Workshop)
7. Saturday, June 24, 2023 (In-Person Workshop with Parents)
8. Saturday, July 8, 2023 (In-Person Workshop with Parents)
9. July 15-25, 2023 - Travel to Fukuoka (*exact departure dates TBA*)
10. Saturday, July 29, 2023 (In-Person Debriefing Workshop with Parents)

- The following expenses **will be** covered by the APCC/JASH:
- Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and Honolulu International Airport;
 - Accommodation fees for hotels in Japan or abroad as designated by the APCC;
 - Transportation fees within Japan as designated by the APCC or host families;
 - Meals during the entire stay in Fukuoka;
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp (~\$60 per person);
 - Half the cost of APCC Registration fee (~\$50 per person)
- The following expenses **will NOT** be covered by the APCC/JASH (will be covered by the parents/guardians):
- Any expenses not otherwise covered by the bullet points above;
 - Expenses incurred obtaining a passport and/or visa (selected JAs will need their passport in-hand by early March 2023);
 - Transportation and parking fees between the participants' homes and workshops/events/Honolulu International Airport;
 - Daily allowances and any other personal expenses (e.g. shopping, gifts) for the JAs;
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp (~\$60 per person).
 - Half the cost of APCC Registration fee (~\$50 per person)
 - Business cards (optional; ~\$30 per person)
 - Cost of hula outfits and matching T-shirts for Japan

- Visitor Industry Charity Walk student participation fee (~\$25 per person)
- Expenses incurred obtaining a valid vaccination certificate, PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours before departure, or other pre-departure items as needed per Japan's travel requirements at the time of travel.

For applicants and selected Junior Ambassadors NOT residing on Oahu:

- Applicants who are selected for the interview stage must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for the interview.
- If selected, students must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for any in-person workshops and must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Please note, due to the high volume of applications received, JASH will select which applicants are invited to interview for the program. Notification of this selection will be sent via EMAIL to the email address provided in your application packet. If you have not received information regarding your applicant's status by Tuesday, February 21, 2023, please contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono at cono@jashawaii.org or 808-524-4450.

JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII'S JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SIGNED PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

By signing below, I state that I have read and understood all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist to serve as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2023.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant Date

By signing below, I state that I have read and understood that my child is applying to be a Junior Ambassador and that he/she meets all of the participation requirements as stated in the Participation Checklist. If selected, my child will attend every workshop to help train him/her to serve as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2023.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

By signing below, I state that the above child is in good standing at (name of school):

_____ and I give him/her my full recommendation to apply as a Junior Ambassador representing Hawaii and the Japan-America Society of Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in 2023.

Print Name of Principal

Signature of Principal Date

JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII'S JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #1 (Your current homeroom teacher)
This form may be completed and submitted at <https://forms.gle/Rv3xTHhVHsJ6Hvds9>

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Answer the following questions about your student:

1. Why would this student be a good representative of Hawaii if he/she is selected as a JASH Junior Ambassador?

2. Please give examples of how this student has either been a leader or a good team player in your classroom.

3. Please write any additional comments that you would like us to know about this student.

If selected as a semifinalist, someone from the JASH office may contact you to discuss this student. Please provide the best phone number to reach you as well as an email address.

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please submit this form online (<https://forms.gle/Rv3xTHhVHsJ6Hvds9>) or mail to the JASH Office (Attn: Christianne Ono) (1600 Kapiolani Blvd. Ste. 204 Honolulu, HI 96814) by Monday, February 6, 2023.

Teacher's Name

Date

Teacher's Signature

Grade/Subject

If you have any questions about the APCC program, visit jashawaii.org/apcc or contact JASH Program Specialist Christianne Ono (cono@jashawaii.org; (808) 524-4450).



JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII'S JUNIOR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #2 (A current teacher or one within the past two years)
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APPLICATION FORM

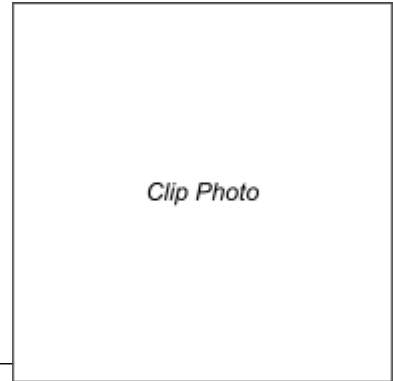
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Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____



Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____ School Phone: _____

Homeroom Teacher (Rec. #1) Name: _____ Email: _____

Second Teacher (Rec. #2) Name: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the APCC Junior Ambassador program? _____



Note: Students, please legibly **HAND WRITE** all responses to the questions on this application in **BLUE or BLACK INK (not pencil)**. All responses must be completed by the student applicant.

1. Briefly introduce yourself. (Ex: Describe your family, school, hometown, etc.)

2. What do you like to do in your free time? (Ex. Hobbies, Sports, Interests, etc.)

3. Why are you interested in Japan? What are three things you'd like to learn more about Japanese language, culture, or daily life?

4. Have you studied about cultures in Asia or the Pacific before (including Native Hawaiian culture)? List two countries/cultures in the Asia-Pacific region you would like to learn more about, and briefly share why you are interested in those cultures.

5. If selected as a Junior Ambassador, you will represent and be expected to share about local and Native Hawaiian cultures. This will include a short cultural performance!

a. Have you ever learned a hula or oli (chant) before? If so, when and why did you learn/perform it?

b. If you were describing Hawaii and/or the United States of America with a foreign student your age, what are three things you would share with them?

6. During the APCC, you'll meet many people who may not speak English. Describe at least two strategies (without using technology!) you could use to communicate with someone who doesn't speak the same language as you.

7. During the APCC, you'll need to be respectful of the manners and customs of your host family. You'll need to have an adventurous attitude... including trying new foods!

a. Have you ever eaten Japanese food? What are some Japanese foods you've tried before?

b. What would you do if you were asked to try a food that you had never eaten before and you didn't know what it was?

8. If you are selected to be a Junior Ambassador, how will you create a team and bond with your fellow Hawaii Junior Ambassadors? Describe at least two ways you will do this.

9. Last question! In your own words, why would make a good Junior Ambassador?