



Student Exchange Program

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MIRA is looking for student ambassadors for the 2024 Student Exchange Program with Manitowoc's sister city, Kamogawa, Japan.

Come along to experience:

- the beauty of Kamogawa's mountains and oceanside
- traditional and popular culture in Japan
- daily life in Japan with a host family
- the opportunity to make lifelong friends abroad



July 20 - August 8, 2024

An Educational & Cultural
Exchange Opportunity for
Manitowoc Students

Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

Manitowoc and Kamogawa, Japan embarked on a wonderful journey as sister cities in 1993. The Student Exchange Program began two years later and is held on an annual basis. The program allows six students to experience Japanese culture, family life, and history. Upon their return, Kamogawa students will accompany our students for a similar cultural exchange visit. Participation in both Japan and at home creates lasting memories and friendships among students and families.

All students benefit from the exchange in gaining greater understanding and respect of another culture. The value of this experience prepares all students for life in our increasingly global society.



Estimated Costs & Commitment:

- Round-trip airfare for Chicago to Tokyo-Narita: \$2,400 - \$2,800
- Traveler's insurance
- U.S. Passport with 6 months validity or more is required
- Personal spending money while abroad
- Pick up and drop-off of your student at Chicago O'Hare Intl. Airport
- Families are to host a student from Kamogawa during their 10-day trip to Manitowoc

Applicant requirements:

- Be a resident of or student in a Manitowoc-area high school
- Attend pre-travel meetings with MIRA
- Understand and fulfill responsibilities of being an ambassador

How to apply:

- Submit the following items to tourism@manitowoc.org:
 - Essay introducing yourself, your hopes and expectations for the trip, and the impact this experience will have on your future.
 - Two letters of recommendation, one from a parent/guardian and one from another adult.
- Attend a personal interview with the MIRA SEP Committee

Application deadline:
March 10, 2024

