

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association Student Exchange Program Application

Follow the Instructions Carefully

1. The application forms must be filled completely and signed by you and your parent/guardian.
2. Mail your application to Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, P.O. Box 3425, Santa Clara, Ca. 95055-3425.
3. Applicants must currently be in their Freshman, Sophomore or Junior year of high school. Applicants must be a Santa Clara resident or attend the Santa Clara Unified School District.
4. This application form is for the SCSCA exchange program with Izumo and Coimbra.
* Attach a color photograph of yourself at the spot provided.
5. In addition to the application form, TWO letters of recommendation are required: one from a teacher and one from a coach, mentor, employer, or advisor. These letters must be sealed by the individuals writing the letters and mailed directly to SCSCA, attention: Student Exchange Program
6. Also include in your application a statement by your parent explaining why you would make a good ambassador for the City of Santa Clara, the State of California and the United States of America.
7. SCSCA will review the student applications and choose the finalists, who, along with their parents/guardians, will be asked to go through an interview.
8. Answer all essay questions. Attach your essays to the back of the application form.
9. Students who go on an exchange program are also committing to the following responsibilities:
 - Participate in the SCSCA fund raiser events
 - Spend time with the students visiting from our sister cities

- Attend orientation meetings to prepare for the trip
- Make a trip report presentation to the members of the SCSCA
- Make a trip report presentation at a Santa Clara City Council meeting
- Continue involvement with the SCSCA and help other students going on the future exchange trips

10. Applicants and their families are advised that all adult members in a household, that plans to host a visiting exchange student, will be required to provide the necessary information for and consent to a background check. A household that includes any adult member with a felony conviction may not be able to host a student. Results of the background checks will be treated confidentially.