



# ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN JAPAN

Aug. 1-11, 2019

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Fort Worth Sister Cities is taking ILA to Japan in 2019 as we celebrate this dynamic summer leadership program's 30th anniversary. A select number of students from Fort Worth will be selected to participate in an Advanced ILA program with other students from around the world. This year's theme, *Peace through Innovation* will encourage students to explore and focus on critical and current issues. Through ILA they will gain essential leadership and communication skills through cross-cultural activities such as art, music, and language studies.

The International Leadership Academy (ILA) is led by a team of highly qualified and experienced educators. They include Nancy Marchant, Jay Kurima, Nelcy Cardenas and Carlo Capua, who, along with several international partners, have developed a highly interactive program. Educators, as well as local and international university interns, serve as facilitators, working with the students to discuss and creatively resolve global issues. Sister Cities has provided this award-winning program since 1989.

## Benefits of attending:

- Improve leadership, communication, and problem solving skills
- Enhance college and career opportunities
- Experience the rich and unique Japanese culture
- Strengthen global perspective and appreciation of other cultures
- Learn about citizen diplomacy
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from eight countries

Mission Statement: To advance peace through lasting relationships and international understanding.

Application Deadline: Oct. 26, 2018

## How to apply:

- Students in **current grades 9-12** may apply by submitting an application, current photo, report card and **two** teacher recommendations (**may be emailed or faxed separately**).
- Include one page typed essay describing past international & leadership experiences which have prepared you for advanced ILA in Japan
- Include a \$25 Fort Worth Youth International membership fee (if not a current member).

*\*Limited scholarships are available based on financial need. Must complete a scholarship request.*

*\*Advanced ILA in Japan is able to accept a limited number of students. Applicants who are ILA alums or who have past international experience are preferred.*

## Mandatory Applicant Interviews:

- **Sunday, Nov. 4th in the afternoon at UNT Health Science Center.** Students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Confirmation letter with interview time will be emailed/mailed once application is received.  
**Tuition: \$3,050 USD.** A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due **February 22**. Final balance, less deposit and scholarship if awarded, is due **May 3, 2019**.

## Tuition includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW to Tokyo, including all taxes and fees
- Accommodations, meals, tours and activities for 3 nights in Tokyo, Japan
- All ground transportation (including Japan rail pass)
- Home stay with Japanese family in Nagaoka, Japan
- Activities and most meals in Nagaoka, Japan
- Course materials and instructor fees
- Entry fees for local cultural activities
- All breakfasts, most lunches and dinners
- Commemorative class T-shirt, certificate and class photo
- Priority consideration for spring and summer international youth exchanges in 2020



# 2019 ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STUDENT APPLICATION

Attach  
Recent Photo  
Here

**Application Deadline: Oct. 26, 2018**

*Please print clearly in black ink*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

*As appears on passport*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ HS Grad Yr \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size (Please check one): S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_  
Adult Sizes

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dad) (Mom) (Dad) (Mom)

### Scholarship Request

Limited partial scholarships are available based on financial need. If interested, complete a scholarship request and submit with application.

Checklist: Attach the items listed below and email, mail, fax or hand deliver

- Application and current color photo
- \$25 Fort Worth Youth International membership fee (if not a current member) payable to Fort Worth Sister Cities
- Copy of last report card
- One page typed essay on a person who has inspired your interest in global peace
- **Two** teacher recommendations on attached forms

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Key Calendar Dates

<b>Oct. 26, 2018</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
Nov. 4, 2018	<b>Mandatory</b> one hour group interview with parent/guardian at UNT Health Science Center
Nov. 6-9	Letters of acceptance mailed
Feb. 22, 2019	\$500 non-refundable deposit due
<b>April 13</b>	All day student cultural briefing including lunch. Location and details TBA in acceptance letters
May 3	Final balance due
July 15	<b>Mandatory</b> final student orientation with parents at 6:00 pm. Location to be announced
Aug. 1	Departure from DFW to Tokyo
Aug. 2	Arrive Tokyo, check in to youth hostel, meet international ILA participants
Aug. 2-4	Advanced ILA orientations and Tokyo tours
Aug. 4	Depart for Nagaoka via Shinkansen Bullet Train
Aug. 4-11	Advanced ILA in Nagaoka, Japan
Aug. 11	Departure for DFW
September	Presentation to Fort Worth Sister Cities Board of Directors



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## Scholarship Request

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle Name

Are you currently employed \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per Week \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian information:**

Number and ages of dependents living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members in college \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #

Brief description of unusual family expenses:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Brief statement on reason(s) for scholarship request:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount of scholarship requested for student to participate in this program:  
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**\*\*Scholarships are limited and issued based on financial need. They do not cover program deposits.\*\***

Please attach a copy of last tax return with request. All information will remain confidential. You will be notified of determination.

Fort Worth Sister Cities International  
P. O. Box 17879 Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
P: 817.632.7100 F. 817.632.7120

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# 2019 ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Deadline: Oct. 26, 2018

The International Leadership Academy is an exciting educational and cultural program that has brought together hundreds of students from around the world to develop leadership skills. Over a two-week period this summer, participants will develop an appreciation of and sensitivity to international cultural diversity while interacting with students from Fort Worth's eight sister cities in Italy, Germany, Japan, Indonesia, Hungary, Mexico, eSwatini & China. ILA is taking place in our sister city of Nagaoka, Japan this summer and the students will have a home-stay with a Japanese host family, as well as stay in a youth hostel in Tokyo.

Your confidential evaluation of this student is greatly appreciated. *Recommendations should be mailed or faxed directly to the address listed below. Comments will be kept confidential.*

Fort Worth Sister Cities International  
P. O. Box 17879 Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
F: 817.632.7120

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects taught this student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Unacceptable	Needs improvement	Acceptable	Commendable
Maturity				
Interest in cultural diversity				
Flexibility				
Sensitivity to others				
Team Player				
Communication Skills				
Open-mindedness				
Respect for authority				

Please briefly explain why you would/would not recommend this student's acceptance as an ILA participant.

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