

# Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association

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## 2024 Trio Exchange Program in Yokkaichi, Japan

**Depart LAX July 19 – August 7, 2024 Return LAX**

### Application Information & Requirements

#### Student

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2024, 5:00 PM**

1. Please fill out application form completely. Complete all parts of the application and attach a **recent photo** (passport type size). The photo should be indicated with your full names (first, middle, & last names) as shown in your passport, and the photo date.
2. **Two letters of Recommendation** must be submitted along with the application. One letter should be from a teacher familiar with your work at school. The other letter should be from an adult unrelated to you who knows you well. The letters should address your character and discuss your suitability for participation in the Trio program as student delegate for the City of Long Beach.
3. **Essay** titled, **"Why I would be an effective representative of Long Beach to Yokkaichi, Japan, and how I intend to apply my Trio experiences in my future goals"** must be submitted along with the application. The essay must be original and should be double spaced and typed on 8-1/2 x 11 letter size with one-inch margins and 12-point font. The length should be approximately 1,000 words (1-2 pages). Applicant must submit one original essay along with the application.
4. **Transcript:** Copy of the applicant's most recent school transcript must be attached.
5. **Passport:** All applicants must possess a valid U.S. passport at the time of interview. Attach a copy of pages showing your name and the valid dates of the passport. If the passport is not in hand, a proof of passport application must be attached along with the application.
6. **Student must NOT have visible tattoos.**
7. **Financial responsibility:** The selected student will be responsible for round-trip airfare from LAX to Japan.

8. **Insurance:** Selected applicants must purchase their own Travel insurance and Health insurance.
9. Selected applicants must provide a health clearance and proof of COVID vaccines prior to leaving the United States.
10. Selected applicants must attend a class or classes in Japanese culture and etiquette conducted by the Association.
11. Applicants should not have any serious allergies or life-threatening medical conditions. More details will be given with the announcement of the results of final selection.

**All applicants who have met these requirements will be interviewed on Saturday or Sunday, APRIL 6 or APRIL 7, 2024 unless otherwise notified.** Representatives from the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Committee will conduct interviews and select participants. Applicants will be notified of the decision within 2 weeks after the interview.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN DEADLINE OF FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, 5:00 PM (Postmarked)**

**Please E-MAIL, FAX or MAIL Application with Supporting Documents to:**

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