

# Housing Questionnaire

## Japan Study

This information in this form will be used when making your host family placement. It also will help the Resident Director and Program Associate as they work with you during the year, and it will aid you in assessing your readiness for foreign study. The first two pages will be given to your host family.

### A. Personal and Homestay Assessment (Please type or clearly print all answers.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First Middle

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Height \* \_\_\_\_\_ cm Weight\* \_\_\_\_\_ kg.  
\*2.54 cm=1 inch \*.455 kg = 1 lb.

Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_

Year in College \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Home (Permanent ) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Please give the name, age, and occupation of your parents/guardians and siblings.

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation
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2. Briefly describe your family.

3. Please check all the terms which correctly describe you:

organized	independent	adventurous	social	quiet
talkative	loner	shy	extroverted	noisy
messy	fastidious	light-eater	moody	early to bed
night owl	early riser	late riser	willing to adapt	sense of humor
studious	easy to please	curious	religious	picky eater
eat anything	politically active			

Other (please describe or list)

4. How do you spend your free time? Do you have any hobbies?

5. What non-academic interests or activities would you like to pursue while in Japan?

6. Have you visited or lived in Japan before? If so, when, where, and for what purpose?

7. Do you have any close friends or acquaintances in Japan? If so, please list them.

Name

Address

Relationship

8. Some students have Japanese friends or family in Tokyo with whom they would like to live during the program. Do you have any such contacts in the Tokyo area?

If yes, please list their name below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check any of the following that you would find desirable in your family setting. (Please note that we cannot guarantee placement with any particular type of family.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ A quiet family with no children
- \_\_\_\_\_ A family including an older generation
- \_\_\_\_\_ A family with young children
- \_\_\_\_\_ A three-generation family
- \_\_\_\_\_ A family that runs a small business connected to the house
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other, please specify

10. Japan Study provides a host family as the main option for housing. The Program Associate and Resident Director meet with each student at the Tokyo orientation to discuss preferences and availability. Placements are made at the end of the first week in Japan. Students are not allowed to change their living situation during the program except for special circumstances. In special circumstances, a student may propose and receive permissions for alternative living arrangements. If you have such a proposal, please detail it below.

11. Social Habits – Check the appropriate box

	Never	1-2x / month	1 x /week	Often
How often do you stay out late?				
How often do you drink alcohol?				
How often do you smoke				
How often do you call home?				
What time do you usually wake up?				
What time do you usually go to bed?				

## **B. Cross-Cultural and Well-Being Assessment**

1. The Japanese diet consists mainly of rice, noodles, fruit, fish, meats, high protein soybean products (miso, tofu, etc.), vegetables in season, tea, pickles, and poultry. Do you have any special dietary constraints? Note: Severe dietary restrictions (i.e., vegetarian or multiple food allergies) could make it difficult for us to place you with a host family.

2. Living within a family can be difficult at times, even in one's own culture. How adaptable are you? Are you ready to take on the challenge of living by someone else's cultural rules? Do you think that you will be able to accept with grace and good humor the awkward moments as you adjust to Japan and your host family? Do you have any special concerns or needs which you hope your host families will take into consideration?

3. There are important restrictions on your Japanese visa. Some English teaching and other forms of employment are legal; others forms of employment can be a violation of Japanese law. It is your responsibility to understand the appropriate laws and to conform to them. Do you anticipate any problems complying with such laws?

4. By law, international students are prohibited from participation in political demonstrations and from possession or consumption of illegal drugs (marijuana, etc.) Do you anticipate any problems complying with Japanese laws? Please note that any involvement with drugs will lead Japan Study to withdraw its sponsorship and will require your immediate departure from Japan.

5. Living in another culture, especially in an urban setting, can involve risks and inconveniences. For example:

- You are likely to spend an hour a day walking in all weather conditions.
- You are likely to encounter new traffic signs and patterns.
- Boarding or exiting trains and subways can be confusing.
- Alcohol is readily available and can easily be abused.
- Certain neighborhoods or settings can be dangerous.
- Interpersonal relations (e.g., dating) can develop in unfamiliar ways.
- Familiar medicines may not be available.
- Learning to use a second language can be emotionally trying.
- Communicating with doctors in Japanese can be challenging.
- You will have limited access to your normal personal networks and support groups.

Do you anticipate having trouble adjusting to any of these risks and inconveniences?

6. Is there anything else the program administrators should know about you in order to facilitate your stay in Japan? Please use additional paper if necessary.

I certify that all responses made on this form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I will notify Japan Study hereafter of any relevant changes.

*Signature of Participant* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

Return by **April 4th** : Japan Study Office, Earlham College, 801 National Road W, Richmond, IN 47374.