

North Shore Lions Youth Exchange

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the North Shore Lions Youth Exchange. This program is open to **Students that are 15-16 years old at time of travel** and living on Vancouver's North Shore. This program is designed to promote cultural understanding and friendship between the sister cities of North Vancouver City and Chiba City, Japan. Our program has been in operation since 1970.

4 Successful applicants will visit Japan August 3-18, 2026. While in Japan, students will stay with a host family selected by the Chiba City International Association and participate in a variety of activities planned by both the Chiba City International Association and the student's host family. An adult chaperone will accompany students to Japan and will be with them for all group activities.

If your application and interview are successful, you are asked to:

- * Pay half your airfare.
- * Be an ambassador to Japan for approx. 2 weeks in the summer of 2026.
- * Host a high school student from Chiba City for 2 weeks in the summer of 2027.

In return, the Youth Exchange Committee commits to:

- * Pay half your airfare plus all related taxes.
- * Provide you with an adult chaperone for all travel and group activities.
- * Provide you with an approved homestay family for the duration of your time in Japan.
- * Provide you with an itinerary that includes both cultural and educational adventures.

To Be the Next Youth Exchange Student You Must:

1. Complete the application form on the inside of this brochure.

2. Supply two letters of reference from **different** sources.

- Examples are: School, Religious Group, Volunteer Service, Work.

- Please note references may be contacted.

3. Explain in 300 words or less: "Who I Am and How Will This Exchange Enhance My Life?"

4. Submit the completed package by email no later than Midnight on Monday, March 9th, 2026.

Please email your application to:
nslyouthexchange@gmail.com

Evening interviews of selected students will take place on either April 15th or 16th, 2026.

Note: For specific interview times, selected students will be contacted by email in early April.

If you have any questions, please see our website for contact information.

Visit our Website:
www.lionsyouthexchange.ca



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INFORMATION & APPLICATION