



APPLICATION FOR THE 59th JAPAN-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

JULY 22 - AUGUST 20, 2007

North Central College, IL • Tokyo • Akita • Hiroshima • Kyoto

2007 Theme: "Advocating Japan-America Participation in Global Change"

JASC seeks a diverse delegation that represents a cross-section of America's academically accomplished student population. Full-time university students from freshmen to Ph.D. candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. No previous experience with Asian Studies or the Japanese language is required. JASC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, marital status or sexual orientation.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print legibly)

1. Name: _____ 2. Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

3. College / University: _____

4. Present (mailing) address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

5. Permanent (home) address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

6. Where should all future correspondence be mailed? Permanent (home) address Present (mailing) address

7. U.S. Citizenship: Yes No If no, what is your status? _____ (Please attach a copy of your green card/visa)

8. Male Female 9. Ethnic Heritage (optional): _____

10. Undergraduate and/or graduate schools attended (including present school):
(name) (dates) (major) (degree)

11. Are you presently a full-time student? Yes No Undergraduate year 1 2 3 4 5+ / Graduate year: _____

12. List extracurricular activities, work experience (including summer and volunteer work), and leadership positions:

13. List any exchange programs, conferences, conventions, or seminars you have attended in the last three years:

14. Travel experience (U.S. and abroad): _____

15. Foreign language ability: _____

16. How did you hear about the 59th JASC? _____

17. Please list any potential schedule conflicts: _____

DISCUSSION ROUNDTABLES: Number your first THREE choices in order of preference:

- _____ Creating a Global Citizen: Education Focused on International Concerns
- _____ Eastern and Western Popular Art: Who is Imitating Whom?
- _____ Innovative Approaches to International Development
- _____ Media Influence on Global Society
- _____ Nationalism: Patriotism or Xenophobia?
- _____ Opposed Identities: Ideology, Ethnicity, and Inequality in Conflict
- _____ Pacifism and Belligerence: Examining Different Perspectives on the Use of Force

Please see descriptions in the 59th JASC brochure or visit our website: www.jasc.org

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS: Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1) Please explain why you would like to participate in your number one choice roundtable from the previous page. What are your expectations, what can you contribute, and what do you hope to gain both academically and culturally? (Approximately 200 words).
- 2) Briefly describe today's global society as you see it. How do you think the Japan-America partnership can actively promote positive change within that global society? (Approximately 500 words).
- 3) Please submit a brief and informal personal introduction. Include hobbies, what you like to do in your spare time, etc. This is very informal and should be different from the personal essay. (Approximately 200 words)

ESSAY: On a separate sheet of paper, submit a personal essay introducing yourself. Please include why you think you are a good candidate for the 59th JASC. What perspectives do you offer that may be different from others applying to the conference? This should be NO MORE than 750 words.

WRITING SAMPLE: Submit a recent academic work (i.e. research paper, book review, etc.).

RESUME: Submit a resume.

TRANSCRIPT: Submit a *current and official* college or university transcript.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE: Submit two letters of reference, at least one from an academic source. References should address your communication skills, sensitivity to cultural diversity, leadership ability, and any other special qualities relevant to the Conference.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE 59th JAPAN-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE:

- 1) I understand the primary purpose of the Conference is to exchange my ideas with my Japanese counterparts, with an emphasis on academic, social, cultural, political and scientific information.
- 2) I understand my participation in JASC is contingent upon the completion of pre-Conference responsibilities, which include but are not limited to completing the waiver, standards, and emergency forms, and submitting my self-introduction and roundtable paper.
- 3) I will prepare whatever table and forum coordinators request of me during the program, including assistance with pre-Conference preparation and post-Conference wrap-up.
- 4) I will participate in American Orientation and all scheduled activities throughout the Conference.
- 5) I understand the total Conference fee is \$3,000, which covers all food, lodging, group travel and materials for the duration of the Conference, beginning with American Orientation on **July 22, 2007**.
- 6) I am responsible for my transportation to and from the American Orientation site, Chicago, IL.
- 7) I will submit a \$500 non-refundable deposit by **May 1, 2007**.
- 8) I will submit the \$2,500 balance by **June 1, 2007**.
- 9) I understand my consideration for selection is contingent upon timely receipt of all application materials by JASC, Inc.

In applying to the 59th Japan-America Student Conference, I agree to the above conditions and attest that my application information is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification and/or noncompliance to the aforementioned including plagiarism (electronic or otherwise) will result in my disqualification as a delegate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY **February 15, 2007**:

Short Answer Questions Essay Writing Sample Resume Transcript Letters of Reference \$15 Application Fee (non-refundable)

Essays, resume and writing sample can be sent by email as attachments. Your signed copy of the application form, transcripts, letters of reference, and application fee must be mailed.

EMAIL and MAIL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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Selection notification will be mailed in late March. Questions concerning JASC may be directed to JASC, Inc. in Washington, DC or to: Ms. Morgan Swartz, Chair, American Executive Committee, mswartzjasc59@gmail.com.

Information is also available on our Web site <http://www.jasc.org>