

YEAR-IN-JAPAN PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: _____

College currently attending: _____

I hereby waive my rights of access to this recommendation as provided in the Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Signature _____ Date _____

To the applicant: Complete the top part of the form. Your application requires two faculty recommendations, one should be a Japanese language instructor and the other from a non-language faculty member. If there is another person you feel is better qualified to comment on your preparedness to study abroad, please feel free to send a third letter of recommendation.

To the writer: The above student has applied for admission to the Year-in-Japan program. The program is for an academic year abroad under the supervision of a representative of this or a cooperating university. All students in the program live with Japanese families. Such study places unusual demands on the student, requiring a greater degree of adaptability and of concentration than is usually the case on campus. Your frank appraisal of the student will be appreciated. If the student has signed the above release, your comments will be held in confidentiality.

If necessary, please use a separate sheet of paper.

1. How long have you known the student, and in what context?

2. Please rank the applicant on the following traits:

(1 = excellent; 2 = good; 3 = fair; 4 = poor; X = unknown)

academic ability	1 2 3 4 X	linguistic ability	1 2 3 4 X
adaptability	1 2 3 4 X	intellectual curiosity	1 2 3 4 X
articulateness	1 2 3 4 X	persistence	1 2 3 4 X
self reliance	1 2 3 4 X	ability to get along with others	1 2 3 4 X
emotional maturity	1 2 3 4 X	sensitivity to others	1 2 3 4 X
responsibility	1 2 3 4 X	social etiquettes	1 2 3 4 X

Using an X, mark the applicant on the following scales:

Flexible-----Stubborn
Quiet -----Talkative
Self Reliant----- Reliant on others
Most often found in a group ----- most often found alone
Takes matters too seriously ----- able to laugh at oneself

3. Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths and weaknesses.

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4. Please comment on the applicant's personal qualities, positive and negative, that would bear on his/her ability to adapt to the unusual demands of living and studying abroad.

5. As noted above, all students in the Program live with Japanese families. I would be willing to let the student stay with me and my family.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral

No

6. My overall recommendation of this candidate for admission to the Year-in-Japan Program is

Strongly
Recommend

Recommend

Recommend with
some reservation

Do not recommend

7. Additional comments.

Signature

Date

Name (please print)

Title

E-mail address

Please return this form to Junko Onosaka by Jan 15 for Priority Deadline or Feb 15.

Those who have applied to the Year in Japan Program by the 15th of January will be given priority in acceptance to the Program. Final Application Deadline is February 15.

Junko Onosaka, PhD

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