



JAPAN – MANITOBA HOMESTAY PROGRAM

4-H Host Families Needed!

Manitoba 4-H Council will be recruiting 4-H families once again for the 2024 program. Families will have the opportunity to welcome one of 20 Japanese students (approximate ages 16-18) and two teachers into their homes, August 2 - 16, 2024. If you are interested in hosting, please check out the details below.

What is hosting about?

Being a host family need not be expensive or change your regular family routine. The purpose is to give students the opportunity to experience everyday life in another part of the world and to treat them as part of your family. To be a host family in 2024, complete the application below and return it as soon as possible.

Please note: All individuals 18 years of age and over in the host family home during the stay are required to complete Manitoba 4-H Council's Youth Protection Program (YPP) screening.

Meet some 4-H families who have shared their experiences hosting a Japanese student at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzjfzIYMfMw&t=56s>

2024 YBF HOMESTAY PROGRAM HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

Please submit the following on or before April 30th, 2024 (the sooner the better to ensure YPP form completion)

1. General Information: Name, Address, Email address, Phone # (home/work)
2. We would prefer to host a: Male or Female
3. List all members in your family, making note of 4-H members, including name, age & gender.
4. List hobbies & activities your family enjoys
5. Any pets and/or animals. Please specify indoor or outdoor.
6. Adult supervision available during this time (eg. vacation, older sibling, work from home, etc.)
7. Provide two references (one from your 4-H Club). Include name and phone # (home/work)

Please return to:
Manitoba 4-H Council
658 Unit-A, 10th Street
Brandon, MB R7A 4G5
Email: lmcrae-walker@4h.mb.ca

4-H Manitoba York-Benimaru Foundation Japan Homestay Program

The Benefits for my Family:

Our family has enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the 4-H Manitoba York-Benimaru Foundation Japan Homestay program six times, and we hope to be selected to host again this summer.

The benefits of this program for my family have been many:

- **Making a new connection & friend with someone who lives across the world is exciting and fun.**
- **Being challenged to find new ways to communicate beyond English words expands our communication skills: gestures, photos, writing, translation apps, fun times experienced together, listening to music, laughter!**
- **Learning about another culture is fun and tasty: Japanese words, foods mmmm!, snacks yum!, Matcha!, Calligraphy & Origami, writing our names in Japanese characters.**
- **Learning about Japanese weather can be surprising; they experience snow and cold too!**
- **Increasing our awareness of what we have, here, where we live, by showing & sharing experiences increases our appreciation of our everyday: our expansive open spaces & skies, room to enjoy the outdoors, prairie lakes, summer fun in Manitoba.**
- **Making new connections by hosting a Japanese student or chaperone makes the world seem not-so-big. When you know someone across the world and can so easily continue that friendship through digital communication and social media your sense of 'my community' becomes larger, even global.**

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