Host a Japanese Student This Summer with 4-H Manitoba!

Open your home. Share your world. Make memories that last a lifetime.

In August 2027, 20 Japanese students and their two teachers will be travelling to Manitoba for two unforgettable weeks as part of our 4-H Manitoba Homestay Program. We're looking for warm-hearted families ready to open their homes - and hearts - to these eager young travellers.

Why Host?

Become a tourist again in your own beautiful province.
Experience one of the most rewarding opportunities 4-H Manitoba has to offer.
Share Canadian life while learning about Japanese culture right from your living room!

What Host Families Say

"Best part of my summer."
"It is easy to forget that not everyone lives like we do."
"Seeing them do things for the first time - and the smiles!"
"Our student was so lovely; her joy was contagious."
"An amazing experience for both the student and the host family."
"We've built a friendship that will last a lifetime."
"The Homestay program creates long-term relationships built on inclusion, friendship and fun."

Who Can Host

Any 4-H Manitoba family willing to provide a safe, welcoming, and curious environment. No special accommodations needed except a separate bedroom for the student, a warm attitude and an open heart.

Join Us!

Ready to embark on a journey of connection, laughter, and cultural discovery?
We'd love to welcome you to our community of hosts.

For more information or to sign up, contact Linda at:

204-726-1914 or by email lmcrae-walker@4h.mb.ca
You can apply using the application on the next page.

Let's make Summer unforgettable - for you and for them!

JAPAN – MANITOBA HOMESTAY PROGRAM

4-H Host Families Needed!

Manitoba 4-H Council is recruiting 4-H families once again for the 2027 program. Families will have the opportunity to welcome one of 20 Japanese students (approximate ages 16-18) and two teachers into their homes, from July 30 - August 13, 2027. 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 2027, 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=dzjfzlYMfMw&t=56s

2027 YBF HOMESTAY PROGRAM HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

Please submit the following on or before April 30th, 2027 (the sooner the better to ensure YPP form completion)

1. General Information: Name, Address (both mailing and physical), Email address, Phone # (home/work/cell)
2. We would prefer to host a: Male or Female
3. Host for one or two weeks
4. List all members in your family, making note of 4-H members, including name, age & gender.
5. List hobbies & activities your family enjoys
6. Any pets and/or animals. Please specify indoor or outdoor.
7. Adult supervision available during this time (eg. vacation, older sibling, work from home, etc.)
8. 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

Comments Shared From Past Host Families of the 4-H Manitoba York-Benimaru Foundation Japan Homestay Program

- **An amazing experience for both the exchange student and host families.**
- **A wonderful way to become a tourist again our own beautiful province.**
- **Best par of my summer.**
- **One of the most rewarding experiences 4-H MB has to offer.**
- **We feel blessed to have met our student and enjoyed our time with her.**
- **It is easy to forget that not everyone lives like we do.**
- **Seeing them do things for the first time and the smiles!**
- **The Homestay program creates a long term relationship between youth from Manitoba and Japan built on the philosophy of inclusion, friendship and fun.**
- **Memories forever!**
- **Our student was so lovely, her joy expressed throughout her stay was contagious.**
- **An amazing opportunity to learn about another part of the world while appreciating what we have at home.**
- **Our similarities are fun to discover and our differences make us curious to learn more about one another.**
- **The experience was eye-opening and grounding for us as we learned to build and navigate a new relationship!**
- **We have not only given our student an experience he will always remember, but we all have made a friendship shat will last a lifetime.**