

# YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM - Matsuura, Japan

## Student Application form

Please use this form to apply for a student to participate in the Mackay Regional Council's Matsuura Sister City Youth Ambassador Cultural Exchange Tour to Matsuura during the September 2024 school holidays.

To apply, applicants must be in Years 10, 11 and 12 (in the year of travel) at a school in the Mackay Region and have an interest in Japan and its culture.

Applicants should read the *Mackay Matsuura Youth Ambassador Information Booklet and Code of Conduct* prior to completing this form.

**Applications to be submitted by email to [mackaysistercities@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:mackaysistercities@mackay.qld.gov.au) no later than midnight Sunday 4 February 2024.**

Applicant		
Surname:	First name:	Middle name:
Address:		
Telephone:	Mobile:	
Email:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of birth:	Place of birth:	
Nationality (Citizenship):		
Passport Details		
<i>To be completed only if you have a current passport with at least six months validity following conclusion of visit. If the current passport expires prior to this date, a renewal will be required.</i>		
Do you hold a current passport? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name as it appears on your passport?		
Passport number:	Date of issue:	
Place of issue:	Date of expiry:	
Have you ever visited Japan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
What aspect of Japanese culture interests you?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Traditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Language		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food		
<input type="checkbox"/> Anime/Manga		
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sport		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify		
Applicant's Personal Background – 20%		
What are your interests / extra-curricular activities in school or the community?		

What makes you an ideal ambassador for Mackay (achievements, awards, talents, etc)?

#### Ambassador – 20%

Students accepted on the Youth Ambassador program are expected to be ambassadors for the program when they return from the exchange tour.

How would you promote and share your experiences with the Mackay community upon your return?

#### Essay – 60%

**Write a 500-word essay explaining your interest in Japan and why you wish to participate in the Mackay Regional Council Matsuura Sister City Youth Ambassador Program. Please provide the essay as an attachment to this application.**

#### School Endorsement

\_\_\_\_\_ (school name) submits for the consideration of Mackay Regional Council for the Youth Ambassador Cultural Exchange Tour to Matsuura, Japan the application of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name). The school considers this student to be a worthy ambassador for the school and Mackay Regional Council and supports their application to participate in a Youth Ambassador Cultural Exchange Tour to Japan.

Name of School Representative:

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Report Card – Essential

Please supply a copy of your latest report card.

**\*All persons over the age of 18 years living at home require a Working with Children Blue Card to meet reciprocal hosting requirements**

#### Applicant's Family

#### Parents or Legal Guardians

**Parent/Guardian 1:**

Surname:	First name:	Middle name:
Address:		
Telephone:(H)	(W)	(M)
Email:		
Name as it appears on Blue Card:		
Blue card registration number:	Blue Card expiry date:	

**Parent/Guardian 2:**

Surname:	First name:	Middle name:
Address:		
Telephone: (H)	(W)	(M)
Email:		
Name as it appears on Blue Card:		
Blue card registration number:	Blue Card expiry date:	

**Other family members**

**\*All persons over the age of 18 years living at home require a Working with Children Blue Card to meet reciprocal hosting requirements**

Full Name	Gender	Age	Living at Home	Blue Card Registration Number	Expiry
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> O		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> O		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> O		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> O		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		

**Parent/Guardian Obligation**

*We, the parent(s)/Guardian of the above-named applicant, understand that we will be responsible for meeting all the obligations of the Mackay Matsuura Sister City Youth Ambassador Cultural Exchange as outlined in the Code of Conduct.*

Parent/Guardian 1 name:	Parent/Guardian 1 signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian 2 name:	Parent/Guardian 2 signature:	Date:

**Student Declaration**

I, the applicant, declare that the above information is correct in all respects, at the time of lodgement of this application with Mackay Regional Council. Should any of the details given in relation to this application be changed in the future, the applicant shall advise Mackay Regional Council in writing prior to any such change being made.

I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for the Mackay Matsuura Youth Ambassador Exchange to Matsuura, Japan.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of parent/guardian if student is under 18 years old:	Date:

**Privacy**

Council will use any personal information provided for the intended purpose only and for remaining in contact with you. Council is authorised to collect this information in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and other Local Government Acts. Your personal information is only accessed by persons authorised to do so. Your personal information is dealt with in accordance with council's privacy policy.

**Please tick to give your agreement:**

- ☐ Pursuant to Section 33 of the Information Privacy Act 2009, I hereby authorise Mackay Regional Council to provide my son/daughter's personal information to the Chaperones, the Matsuura City Council staff working on the program and the Matsuura Home Host Families.