

FRIENDSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM 2025-2026

UWC ISAK Japan invites local families to host an international student for informal social and cultural exchanges. This is not a homestay program. It helps students meet Japanese and other residents in the Karuizawa area, where they are studying.

Friendship Families meet their student for lunch or dinner in their home or elsewhere. They might do museum visits, cooking exchanges, sporting events, game nights or just have good conversations.

The program aims to bring greater understanding and enrichment for both the host family and student.

REQUIREMENTS

- Keep an open mind. Your student is from a different country, with different cultural values or religious practices from your own.
- Ensure you follow our safeguarding and child protection guidelines. We will provide training.
- Meet your student for outings or another activity once a month. Perhaps you will provide transport from the school to the activity, or perhaps the student may prefer to meet you at an agreed location.
- Attend a meeting at UWC ISAK on Saturday, Sept. 27, when we will introduce you to your student.
- Stay involved for one academic year (September 2025 - May 2026).

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?

UWC ISAK Japan is the nation's only full-boarding international high school (ages 15-18). It unites people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. Its students are intellectually curious, compassionate and innovative.

UWC ISAK students represent over 80 different countries. We have a strong financial assistance program that brings students from different socio-economic backgrounds to Karuizawa.

Classes are taught in English. Many students are learning Japanese. Our students view diversity as a strength.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please complete the form by Sept. 19, 2025. We will contact you to confirm your participation.

<https://tinyurl.com/UWCISAKFriendshipFamily>

