

FRIENDSHIP FAMILY PROGRAM 2024-2025 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

UWC ISAK Japan invites local families to be matched with our international students in order to provide informal social and cultural exchange opportunities. This is not a homestay program, but rather a chance to connect UWC ISAK Japan students with the local community. Friendship Families will meet their student for lunch/or dinner in the home or elsewhere, museum visits, cooking exchanges, sporting events, game nights, and/or good conversation. There will also be organized events at UWC ISAK Japan at the beginning and end of the academic year to facilitate contact. It is the goal of this program to build a relationship that will bring greater understanding and enrichment for both sides.

EXPECTATIONS

- Keep an open mind. Your friendship will be with a student with various cultural values, religious practices, and or unique backgrounds from your own.
- Ensure you follow safeguarding and child protection guidelines. We will provide training.
- Attend events on campus for Friendship Families (two per year).
- Meet your student for outings or planned activities once a month. You may either provide transportation from campus to the activity, or the student may prefer to meet you at a predetermined location.
- Stay involved for one academic year (September 2024 - May 2025).

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?

As Japan's only full-boarding international high school (grades 10-12) and one of the newest members of the United World Colleges movement, we are making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. UWC ISAK Japan is committed to educating intellectually curious, compassionate, and innovative students from around the world who are eager to make a difference.

Through our robust financial assistance program, we bring together students from vastly different socio-economic backgrounds for an education like no other.

UWC ISAK students represent over 80 different countries, and most students range from 15-18 years old. Some come from multiple cultural backgrounds. English is required for academic classes, but many students are learning Japanese as well. All of our students are passionate about cultural exchange and view diversity as a strength.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please complete the following form by August 5, 2024. We will reach out to you in mid-August to confirm your participation.

<https://tinyurl.com/UWCISAKFriendshipFamily>

