



Japan Disaster Relief: College Service Trips Winter Break/Spring Break Volunteer Application

(Applications will be reviewed as received)

December 19-29, 2011

March 10-17, 2012

March 17-25, 2012

APPLICANTS MUST BE 18+ years

For questions about this application, please contact mkusakabe@seattleyymca.org or 206.382.4362

Volunteer Information

Surname Name (family name): _____

(As it appears or will appear on passport)

Given Names (first and middle names): _____

(As they appear or will appear on passport)

Nickname (Name you go by): _____

Gender: F M

Do you have a current tetanus shot? Yes No

Date of Birth (Month / Day / Year): _____

Age at time of trip: _____

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

Passport Number: _____ Issuing Country of Passport: _____

Date of issue: _____ Date of expiration: _____

Are you applying for the special Japanese Business Association of WA/Gobo Enterprise Scholarship? No Yes

If no, you will be responsible for program and travel costs. Please see payment plan page for more information.

Contact Information

PERMANENT ADDRESS (this is the address to which all materials will be mailed):

Cell: (_____) _____

City: _____

Street: _____

City / State: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Email*: _____

*NOTE: Email will be the primary means of communication. Be sure you check your email often.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (please list at least TWO emergency contacts.

1st Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

1st Emergency Contact Phone Number: (_____) _____

2nd Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

2nd Emergency Contact Phone Number: (_____) _____

Other Information

What college or university do you attend? _____ What year in school? _____

How many years have you studied Japanese? _____ Have you traveled to Japan before? No Yes If yes, please briefly describe your experience:

Please provide the name of your Japanese instructor or professor along with contact information:

Name _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

Are you or have you been involved with the YMCA? No Yes If yes, how:

Facility Member YMCA Branch/Site Name: _____
(facility you use most)

Board or Committee Member Staff Community Volunteer Camp or Program participant

Other: _____

How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity?

Program Director/Y Staff Friend Work News Source Organization Web

Please describe: _____

Personal Commitment

YMCA appreciates your willingness to volunteer to help the rebuilding of Japan after the March 11th Disaster.

Your attitude and willingness to use good judgment, act in a responsible manner and remain task oriented will have a great effect on your experience and those you serve. Therefore, to ensure a good experience, protect the standards and goals of the program, and keep everyone safe, we are expecting you to follow some basic rules.

As a participant of a Volunteer Team, it will be your responsibility to:

- Participate willingly in work, recreation, and values sharing.
- Be part of the group, which will include volunteers from other YMCAs.
- Support local laws prohibiting possession or use of illegal drugs.
- Follow safety instructions; remain in areas designated by local YMCA staff, and refrain from behavior that is harmful to yourself or others.
- Respect the rights and privacy of others.
- Demonstrate the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility.

I understand the need for the above rules and will comply with them.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please write or attach a short paragraph or two answering the following questions:

(1) Why do you want to go to Japan as a YMCA College Volunteer?

(2) Tell us about any experience you have had with the YMCA and/or Community Service activities you have been engaged in?

RISK & LIABILITY WAIVER

The YMCA of Greater Seattle desires to send volunteers to help YMCAs in to Japan rebuild communities. Traveling abroad, by its very nature, carries a significant risk to one's safety. Although we do not want to diminish your enthusiasm to help, we do want you to know in advance what to expect, and what some of the potential risks are by participating in this activity.

AWARENESS OF RISKS: The volunteer understands YMCA staff members will be assisting with arrangements of your trip, but they are not able to directly supervise or be with you at all times. I understand participants must follow safety instructions, respect local laws and customs, and refrain from behavior that is harmful to others or themselves. We understand that participants will be exposed to certain risks and hazards inherent to traveling abroad, including transportation by plane, bus, taxi and other methods common to other cultures. Unusual activities may include manual labor in service projects, attending the YMCA volunteer orientations and living (sleeping and eating) in churches or other group sleeping arrangements. Risks include, but are not limited to, severe illness, getting lost; accidents while being transported, falls, robbery, assault, and severe weather conditions. Consequences of such accidents or events could be strained muscles, broken bones, abrasions, mental strain and anguish, concussions, spinal injury and even permanent disabilities or death. In consideration for being able to participate, we agree to accept these and other unforeseen risks.

MEMBER HEALTH: I represent that I am in physically sound condition, and understand that participation in travel abroad carries a potential risk of injury or illness. I agree to inform the staff person in charge about any special health conditions or medical needs which may be affected by this activity. I further understand that the YMCA of Greater Seattle assumes no responsibility for any such injury or illness.

MEMBER CONDUCT: I have signed, and agree to abide by the YMCA code of conduct and all rules and regulations of the trip.

PROPERTY LOSS: We understand that the YMCA is not responsible for personal property lost, damaged or stolen while using YMCA facilities or participating in YMCA programs.

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION: We hereby give permission for the YMCA to use, without limitation or obligation, photographs, film footage or tape recordings which may include participant's image or voice for purposes of promoting or interpreting YMCA programs.

INSURANCE: I understand it is the responsibility of every individual, his or her parent or legal guardian, to provide for his or her own accident and health coverage while participating in any YMCA activity. The YMCA does not provide any accident or health coverage for its participants. We understand it is our responsibility to provide for health and accident coverage while traveling overseas on this trip.

MEDICAL TREATMENT: I hereby give permission to be given cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid treatment by a qualified staff member of the YMCA. We also give permission to be transported by ambulance or aid car to an emergency center for treatment. In the event that I cannot respond, I further consent to the medical, surgical and hospital care treatment and procedures (including, but not limited to, administration of necessary anesthetics, tests, x-ray examinations, transfusions, injections and drugs) to be performed by a physician or hospital selected by the YMCA staff when deemed immediately necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard the participant's health.

We accept and understand the possibility of risks associated with this program.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: By signing below, I agree to release the YMCA of Greater Seattle or partner YMCAs, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from and against any and all negligence, claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney fees, arising from any occurrence causing damage or injury to the participant relating to Volunteer Service to Japan. If any portions of the waiver are held to be invalid, we agree that the remaining terms shall continue to be in full legal force and effect.

I also understand that to participate in this program, I agree to successfully complete a basic background check and online Child Abuse Prevention Training (approx. 1 hour) at least 2 weeks prior to departure.

Volunteer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Fees and Payment Information

Volunteers will be responsible for arranging and providing their own air transportation to and from Tokyo (approximately \$1200-\$1800) and in-country expenses include room, board, land transportation, training, and accident insurance (\$950*), and a registration fee (\$75) to cover administrative and support costs. Meals, bathing (public bath costs of approximately 400 yen/day) and personal expenses during your free time and en route to/from your assignment will also be at your own expense. Please note that you will be responsible for coordinating your own travel and meeting up with your team in Japan on the day you have committed to serve. Information and logistics will be provided to you. Also see Scholarship Information below. Participants are encouraged to fundraise and assistance will also be available.

Total estimated costs for full pay participation = \$2225 - \$2825, depending on air transport.

***Professors of Japanese are encouraged to apply. Contact the Y for an Educator Discounts.**

Japanese Business Association/Gobo Enterprises College Trip Scholarships

Thanks to special grants from the Seattle area Japanese Business Association and Gobo Enterprises, the YMCA of Greater Seattle is pleased to offer College Volunteer Trip Scholarships for students who are currently studying or have studied Japanese at a higher-education institution in the Northwest. These scholarships will be awarded on an as-needed basis to students who demonstrate a strong commitment to wanting to take full advantage of this international volunteer opportunity.

In addition to providing name and contact information of your Japanese instructor, applicants for the College Trip Scholarships will also need be interviewed live or via Skype as part of this application process. The number of scholarships is limited and will be awarded so long as funds are available.

Each scholarship is worth \$1,250 and covers the in-country costs for this volunteer trip. Participants can expect to pay a remainder of \$1195-\$1775 to cover airfare and registration fee.

Please complete the following:

No Yes, I would like to be considered for a College Trip Scholarship.

If awarded, participant agrees to cover the remaining costs for their participation, including airfare expenses and registration fee.

**Please feel free to contact Monica Quill Kusakabe at 206-382-4362
(mkusakabe@seattleyymca.org)**

Seattle YMCA - Program Payment Form

Fax to 206.382-7283 or mail to: YMCA of Greater Seattle, Attn: International, 909 4th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104
Applications will be reviewed as received. Early Decisions will be announced by December 12th.
Any remaining scholarships will be provided to the extent available thereafter.

College Service Trip:

I am registering to volunteer in Japan for a College Service Trip.

Name: _____

Space is limited on these trips. Please indicate your order of preference for the scheduled dates for the College Service Trip (first preference would be "1," second preference "2," etc.). Cross out or leave blank if there are dates in which you cannot attend:

___ December 19-29, 2011	Winter Break
___ March 10-18, 2012	Spring Break I
___ March 17-25, 2012	Spring Break II

Please submit this application packet to above fax number or address with your registration fee of \$75*:

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check (payable to: YMCA of Greater Seattle)** This will appear as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on your bank statements.
- Visa** **MasterCard** **American Express** **Discover Card**

Credit Card amount \$ _____

Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card _____

Billing address _____

Cardholder's signature _____ Date _____

Online payment and additional information can be found at www.seattlymca.org and <http://www.seattlymca.org/pages/Japan.aspx>

*Registration fees are nonrefundable except in the situation where the YMCA cancels the program or provide scholarship funding for scholarship applicants.