

Application Form for Homestays in Saitama 2020

Name				
Classification of Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of Athlete <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Organization Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Press <input type="checkbox"/> Games Volunteer			
Name of Affiliated Organization				
Sex/Nationality/Date of Birth	Sex:	Nationality:	Date of Birth:	
Country of Departure				
Phone Number				
Emergency Contact (Cell Number)				
Email Address				
Number of Guests	Guests:	Adult Male:	Adult Female:	Child 15 or Younger:
Number of Homestay Nights				
Homestay Start Date				
Sporting Event You Will Attend/Related Athlete's Name	Sporting Event You Will Attend:		Related Athlete's Name:	
Understood Languages	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Native Language Only			
Food Restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Seafood <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Products <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Beans <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Other()			
Are there any vegetarians among the participants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Do you have an aversion or allergy to any animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Cats <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Other()			
What is your religion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist <input type="checkbox"/> Islam <input type="checkbox"/> Other() <input type="checkbox"/> None/I prefer not to say			
Are there any smokers among the participants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Is it acceptable for member(s) of your host family smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answered "no," is it acceptable for your host family member(s) to smoke outside? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Additional Comments/Requests (Important information for the host family)				
1. Details of all other participants (excluding the applicant) ①Name ②Birthday ③Sex ④Country of Departure	①Name	②Date of Birth	③Sex	④Country of Departure
	1			
	2			
	3			
2. Arrival and Flight Details ①Arrival Date ②Airport ③Airline & Flight Number ④Arrival Time	①Arrival Date	②Airport	③Airline & Flight Number	④Arrival Time
Are you enrolled in overseas travelers' personal accident insurance? (If not, when do you plan to enroll?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to enroll prior to arriving in Japan (Planned enrollment date: Year Month)			
I consent to my information being used for the purpose of enrollment in overseas traveler's personal accident insurance and host family matching. (Your information will be provided to : Saitama Prefectural Government, the Saitama International Association, your potential host family, and an insurance company.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Identity Guarantor Please include the email address, full name, department, and committee/organization of an Identity Guarantor (person capable of confirming your identity) in the section to the right (excludes press-related personnel and Games volunteers) ※The "Identity Guarantor" must be a member of the guest's affiliated Olympic/Paralympic committee or sports organization. (For family of athletes, the guarantor must be a member of the athlete's affiliated committee/organization.) ※After receiving your application, your ID will be confirmed with your Identity Guarantor, so please ensure you notify your Guarantor in advance.	Committee/Organization			
	Department			
	Name			
	Email Address			

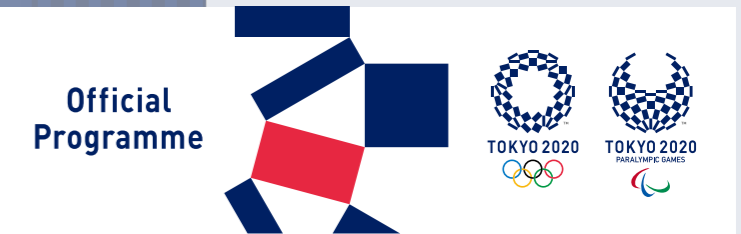
※Press-related personnel must attach a copy of their identification provided by their affiliated press organization (employer).
※If you are a Games volunteer, please attach a copy of document which clearly proves you are an official Games volunteer.

Details

The Saitama Prefectural Government Olympics and Paralympics Division Website
<http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/oly-para/eng/hospitality/homestay/guest-application.html>

QR Code →

or search for : "Homestays in Saitama 2020"



~Enjoy an Authentic Japanese Experience Through Homestays!~

Homestays in Saitama 2020



Saitama Prefecture has initiated the 'Homestays in Saitama 2020' Program for Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games athletes' families and Games-related personnel, etc. who will be welcomed into the homes of local families as guests to participate in homestays.

Saitama is located just north of Tokyo and boasts an excellent transportation network with highly convenient access to both Narita and Haneda international airports as well as Olympic and Paralympic venues.

The program offers the opportunity for guests to enjoy an authentic experience of the Japanese way of life by staying with a host family rather than at a hotel.

Homestays in Saitama 2020



Overview

- **Date**
April, 2019 to September, 2021
- **Eligible Participants**
 - Families of 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games athletes
 - National Olympic Committee-related personnel
 - National Paralympic Committee-related personnel
 - National Sports Organization-related personnel
 - Foreign Press-related personnel
 - Games volunteers from abroad
- **Participant Numbers and Duration of Stay**
 - Maximum 3 people per household
 - Maximum 3 nights per household
 - ※For participant groups with 4 or more people or for those who desire to stay in excess of 3 days, it may be possible for you to stay with multiple, differing host families. If you would like to request to stay with the same host family, please indicate this in the "Additional Comments/Requests" section of your application form. Please be aware that not all requests can be accommodated.
- **Accommodation**
Host family houses within Saitama Prefecture
- **Cost**
Free (Breakfast and dinner included each day)
※All costs associated with additional, personal sight-seeing and tourism activities etc. will be the responsibility of the participant.
- **Rooms**
Guests will be provided with a private room.

Application Method

- **Please submit your application via email no later than 4 weeks prior to the first day of your intended homestay.**
- **The application form can be downloaded via the URL or QR code below.**
※For reference, the application form has been included on the back page of this leaflet.



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Applications and Inquiries

Saitama International Association
E-mail : 2020homestay@sia1.jp

Application Requirements

- **Participants must be covered by overseas traveler's personal accident insurance prior to their arrival in Japan.**
- **The required forms and documents outlined below must be included with your application.**

Guest	Required Forms/Documents
Family of athletes	Please include the email address, full name, department, and committee/organization of a person capable of confirming your identity in the "Identity Guarantor" section at the bottom of the application form.
National Olympic Committee-related personnel	※The "Identity Guarantor" must be a member of your affiliated Olympic/Paralympic committee or sports organization. (For family of athletes, the guarantor must be a member of your affiliated committee/organization.)
National Paralympic Committee-related personnel	※After receiving your application, your ID will be confirmed with your designated Identity Guarantor. If they do not reply confirming your ID, you will be unable to participate in the homestay program, so please ensure you notify your Guarantor and ask them to reply promptly when requested to confirm your ID.
National Sports Organization-related personnel	
Foreign Press-related personnel	Please attach a copy of your identification provided by your affiliated press organization (employer).
Games volunteers from abroad	Please attach a copy of document which clearly proves that you are an official Games volunteer. Please inquire for more details.

Please Note:

1. **Once you have been matched with a suitable host, you will be provided with further information regarding your host family no later than 10 days prior to the first day of your intended stay. After receiving this information, please ensure you contact your host family directly via email within 3 days.**
※If you do not contact your host family, you will not be able to participate in the program.
2. **Application does not guarantee participation in the 'Homestays in Saitama 2020' program. If suitable homestay accommodation cannot be arranged, you will be notified via email two weeks prior to the first day of your intended homestay.**
※All times are indicated in local Japan times.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: How can I participate in the homestay program?

A: It's easy to apply! Please download the application form via the link located at the bottom left-hand side of the Olympics and Paralympics Division website (shown below) and input the necessary information. Then, please send your application to the Saitama International Association via email. After the details of your application have been confirmed, you will be sent information regarding your host family (family members, available languages, etc.) via email at least 10 days prior to your intended homestay.
Saitama International Association email : 2020homestay@sia1.jp

Q2: I'm a little unsure about who my host family will be. Is it possible to find out details in advance?

A: Yes! We will provide guests with their host family's information prior to their arrival in Japan. Furthermore, host families participated in various training courses to ensure that they are properly prepared to accommodate their guests, so please rest assured that your host will be ready to welcome you.

Q3: How will I get to my host family's house?

A: Host families will be waiting for their guests at JR Omiya Station, Saitama Prefecture's terminal station, which is approximately 30 minutes from Tokyo Station. Please discuss the exact time of your arrival with your host family via email, prior to your arrival in Japan. We ask that you kindly find your own way to Omiya Station after arriving in Japan. You can download a train route map and guide map of Omiya Station via the Saitama Prefectural Government Olympics and Paralympics Division Website.
URL : <https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/oly-para/eng/hospitality/homestay/homestayomiyastation.html>



Q4: I can only speak my native language. Is this okay?

A: Of course! Host families have been provided with "Point-and-Speak" common phrase guides to aid with communication during your stay. Also, you can communicate with your host family via translation applications. Lastly, there are telephone interpretation services available to assist you 24 hours a day in 43 languages.

Q5: There are foods I cannot eat for religious or health reasons. Will my host family be able to accommodate my needs? Also, can I request a host family that has no pets or a non-smoking host family?

A: If you indicate your preferences/personal needs in the relevant section of your application form, your host family will do their best to accommodate your dietary needs. Furthermore, guests will be matched with host families according to their requests regarding pets and smoking.

Feedback From Prior Participants



I took part in a nearby summer festival together with my host family and tried *Bon-Odori* (Japanese Obon Festival Dancing). Everyone welcomed me into the dance circle straight away while helping me learn the moves!



Following the teachings of my host family, I tried my hand at traditional Japanese cuisine! I really felt immersed in another culture and had a great time!



The homestay was a really enjoyable experience and everyone was so warm and welcoming right from the start! I'm still in contact with my host family!