

<h2>2021 Uchinā Junior Study Program Overseas Youth Leader Application Guidelines</h2>
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### 1. Program Objective

Youth of Okinawan descent from around the world will learn about Okinawan history, culture, and nature while experiencing daily life with local Okinawan youths of the same age group. They will build strong bonds, deepen their understanding of their Okinawan roots, the local Okinawan students will broaden their international outlooks, and grow the generation that will shoulder the Uchinā Network.

As for the Uchinā Junior Study Program in FY 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 and the travel restrictions for overseas participants from July to August 2021 are unclear, overseas participants and overseas youth leaders will participate in an online program.

### 2. Contents of Operation

#### (1) Operation Period

Due to the impact of COVID-19, participants from overseas will not physically visit Okinawa, but will participate in an online program.

Program dates (Japan (Okinawa) time, tentative schedule):

Part 1	6/27/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 2	7/11/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 3	7/25/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 4	8/ 8/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 5	8/15/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 6	8/29/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00
Part 7	9/12/2021 (Sun)	9:00~11:00

Note: The local time in each country corresponding to Japan Standard Time (9:00 to 11:00) is as follows

1. New Caledonia,	6/27/2021 (Sun)	11:00 – 13:00
2. Hawaii	6/26/2021 (Sat)	14:00 – 16:00
3. San Francisco	6/26/2021 (Sat)	16:00 – 18:00
4. New York	6/26/2021 (Sat)	19:00 – 21:00
Peru		
5. Campo Grande	6/26/2021 (Sat)	20:00 – 22:00
Bolivia		
6. Sao Paulo	6/26/2021 (Sat)	21:00 – 23:00

Buenos Aires

7. France 6/27/2021 (Sun) 1:00 – 3:00

(2) Study Program

① Nature Study

Learn about the importance of the natural environment of Okinawa, its flora, and fauna.

② History Study

Learn about historic Okinawan landmarks, experience history and the romance of the Ryukyu Dynasty.

③ Culture Study (Traditional Crafts, Performing Arts Activities)

Learn about the culture of the traditional crafts and performing arts from Okinawan history.

④ Peace Study

While learning about the history of the war, think about peace.

⑤ Social Studies

Learn about daily life and the current social situation in Okinawa.

⑥ Emigration Study

Learn about history of emigration of Okinawa, Worldwide Uchinanchu Festival, and World Uchinanchu Day, revalidate Uchinanchu identity.

(3) Other

① Present the immigration history of your family, region or Kenjinkai where you live in the program.

② Participate in social network services (SNS) and interact with other participants.

③ Submit answers to questionnaires and study reports during the program period and written impressions need to be submitted after the program.

3. Role of the Youth Leader

The Overseas Youth Leader will make use of their experience participating in past Junior Study Tour programs and/or Uchina Junior Study Program. In order to allow the program to run efficiently, they will be treated as one of the staff. Specifically, actively facilitate exchange through social media etc. before the program, and care for the participants during the program.

4. Number of Recruits:

Overseas Participants	15 people
Overseas Youth Leaders	1 person
Local Okinawan Participants	15 people

Non-Okinawan Participants	1 person
Local Youth Leader	1 person
	33 people total

## 5. Recruitment Requirements

### (1) Target

- ① Okinawan ancestry
- ② Have participated in an Okinawa Prefecture-sponsored program in the past.
  - ・ Junior Study Tour (2001-2011) \*not as a leader
  - ・ Uchina Junior Study (2012-2019)
- ③ Between the ages of 19 to 30 as of April 2, 2021

### (2) Qualifications

- ① In good health
- ② Actively engaged in home country Kenjinkai's activities after finishing Junior Study Tour and/or Uchina Junior Study. Is a central figure in building the network between his/her home country and Okinawa, as recommended by the kenjinkai president.
- ③ Possess daily conversational level of Japanese language ability as well as speak the language of the country where they currently reside.
- ④ Can participate for the entire time.
- ⑤ Participants must have a computer or smartphone with a webcam at home or elsewhere and a stable Internet connection in order to participate in the program online as well as to make preliminary arrangements with the secretariat prior to the start of the program using a video conference application.
- ⑦ Those who can actively interact with participants from other countries through social networks before and during the program.

### (3) Costs covered by Okinawa Prefecture

Purchasing and mailing costs for gifts, etc. from participants home country to Okinawa.

## 6. Necessary Documents for Recruitment

### (1) Required Documents

- ① Recommendation (Form 4)
- ② Participant Application Form (Form 5-1, 5-2)
- ③ Essay (Form 6, up to two sheets of A4 or letter size paper)  
Topic: Necessary things for the development and expansion of the Uchina Network

- ※ 1 form for each applicant
- ※ Form 4 to be filled out in Japanese; each kenjinkai will attach Japanese translations of forms 5 and 6.

(2) Application Deadline

April 14, 2021 (Wed) strictly enforced

(3) Address:

International Exchange Division  
Department of Culture, Tourism, and Sports  
Okinawa Prefectural Office  
1-2-2 Izumizaki, Naha, Okinawa 900-8570, JAPAN  
Attn: Tatsuki Oda  
Tel: +81-98-866-2479  
Email: odatatsu@pref.okinawa.lg.jp

※ When sending through email, forms need to be sent in Microsoft Word, Excel, or PDF format.

※ Sending application through email is recommended.

7. Future schedule (tentative)

(1) Application deadline: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

(2) Notice of Selection Results Late April 2021

(3) Submission of pre-participation tasks.

**【Successful Candidates Only】** Early June 2021

8. Other Important Points

(1) This application is a referral for youth leader applicants, not all that apply will be accepted.

(2) Okinawa Prefecture will notify of accepted youth leader after reviewing their applications.

(3) From the time of application to the submission of the report after the program, the Kenjinkai will take responsibility and guide the participant. Also, the Kenjinkai will attach Japanese translations of the applicant's materials.

(4) Because the date and time of the program presently scheduled are tentative, they are subject to change.

(5) Individual's information collected from this application will be used for contact, guidance, reference, and other initiatives relating to the

Uchinā Junior Study Program. In addition, in order to have a smooth program, the information may be shared with contractors, other participants, and those involved with the program. After participating in the Uchinā Junior Study Program, a survey about the program as well as information about prefecture-sponsored international exchange events will be sent to the participant and guardians. The information gathered will be used appropriately within the scope of the objectives.

- (6) Okinawa Prefecture will make use of publicity mediums such as social media, pamphlets, etc. for program announcements. In order to make the contents easily understandable for the people of Okinawa and related organizations, participants' pictures and videos may be published.
- (7) This recruitment procedure is a preparatory procedure before the start of the next fiscal year on the assumption that the budget for the next fiscal year will be approved. It will take effect after the budget is approved. In the event that the initial budget is rejected by the prefectural assembly, the project may not be able to be carried out as planned.