

Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program

“Seeking Host Families”

Haisai Families!

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association would like to present a wonderful opportunity for all Hawaii high school students and their families to participate as hosts for this upcoming Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange Program (HOSEP). On March 1 to March 14, 2020, twenty-five high school students from Okinawa who will be coming to Hawaii for the two-week home-stay, and also to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the HOSEP.

We are currently seeking families who would like to host one or two students from 3/1 to 3/14. As host families, you can learn first-hand about the diverse culture of Okinawa, and at the same time, share your wealth of knowledge and experience of Hawaii’s diverse culture as well. Here are the expectations of host families:

- Submit application to host a student from Okinawa by ~~November 27, 2019~~ **January 21, 2020 to the Hawaii Okinawa Center office, HUOA.** (available on-line at huoa.org)
- Attend Orientation Meeting for Host families.
- Attend Orientation/Welcome Get together.
- Host Student(s) from March 1 – March 14, 2020.
- Consider yourselves as “family” for your Okinawan student.
- Okinawan student will attend school with Hawaii host student (5 days).
- Attend 30th Anniversary Celebration/Aloha Party at Hawaii Okinawa Center on Thursday, March 12, 2020.
- Bid them Aloha on Saturday, March 14, 2020 as they depart for their homeland.
- Share your family’s Aloha and enjoy your Okinawan student!

For application forms and more information of the HOSEP, including the opportunity to go to Okinawa in June, go on-line to huoa.org. Click on the “Hawaii-Okinawa Student Exchange” link. Or contact Jon Itomura, Executive Director of the HUOA at (808) 676-5400.

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be immersed in the Okinawan culture, and gain valuable experiences and memories as you foster a good relationship with your exchange student from Okinawa!

Ippei Nifwe Debiru!