



**St. George  
MARATHON**

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# Japan and Me

**November 6 - 12, 2018**

The City of St. George and the St. George Marathon student exchange experience with the Ibigawa Japan Marathon and Ibigawa's middle schools is now in its thirtieth year. The St. George Marathon will select 12 ninth grade students (2018/19 school year) to be a part of its delegation to Ibigawa, Japan in November 2018. We are looking for students that will be great representatives of our city, who exemplify courtesy, respect, and integrity. Delegates will be selected after a review of written essays, a letter of recommendation, and a summary of qualifications submitted by interested students.

In no more than 300 words, describe three things you would hope to learn while visiting Ibigawa. Responses will be judged on content, uniqueness, and creativity.

The St. George Marathon covers half of the airfare/travel cost for each student. Ground transportation in Japan is provided. Housing and meals are provided in Japan by a host family or by the City of Ibigawa.

Students need to obtain a valid passport and provide their own spending and incidental monies.

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a permission slip for selected student delegates and provide evidence of medical insurance for the student.

Students will be accompanied by adult chaperones during the trip.

**Tentative Itinerary:** (subject to change)

Nov. 6 - Leave for Ibigawa, Japan  
Nov. 7 - Arrive Ibigawa, Japan  
Nov. 8 - Visit Ibigawa middle schools  
Nov. 9 - Welcome Luncheon and host family  
Nov. 10 - Ibigawa Marathon and host family  
Nov. 11 - Tour and host family day  
Nov. 12 - Leave for United States  
Nov. 12 - Arrive St. George, Utah

Essays are due to your school principal no later than  
**April 9, 2018**

Download instructions and cover sheet at:

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