



Japan and Me

November 9 - 15, 2021

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 thirty-third year. The St. George Marathon will select 16 ninth grade students (2021/22 school year) to be a part of its delegation to Ibigawa, Japan in November 2021. 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/transportation costs for each student. The estimated 2021 airfare/transportation cost for each student is \$900.00. (\$500.00 deposit is due by August 31, 2021). 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.

Tentative Itinerary: (subject to change)

- Nov. 9 - Leave for Ibigawa, Japan
- Nov. 10 - Arrive Ibigawa, Japan
- Nov. 11 - Visit Ibigawa middle schools
- Nov. 12 - Welcome Luncheon and host family
- Nov. 13 - Host Family Day
- Nov. 14 - Ibigawa Marathon and Farewell Dinner
- Nov. 15 - Leave for United States
- Nov. 15 - Arrive St. George, Utah

Cover form, essays, recommendation and qualifications are due to your school principal no later than **March 26, 2021**

Download instructions, summary of qualifications and cover form at:
www.stgeorgemarathon.com/ibigawa.php

