



St. George  
THE BRIGHTER SIDE



St. George  
MARATHON

# Japan and Me

## 2021 Essay Information and Instructions

We want to get to know you as well as possible and believe that your thoughtful, well-constructed essay is an important step in this process. We are looking for students that will be great representatives of our city, who exemplify courtesy, respect, and integrity.

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. We also require one letter of recommendation from a teacher, and completion of the "Summary of Qualifications" worksheet.

A completed, original "2021 Japan and Me Essay" cover form and student information must accompany your essay. A blank cover form can be found at [www.stgeorgemarathon.com/ibigawa.php](http://www.stgeorgemarathon.com/ibigawa.php). Your application; cover form/student information, essay, recommendation letter and summary of qualifications worksheet must be delivered to your school principal no later than March 26, 2021.

After receipt and review of all essays, we will notify you of your status. If you have any questions, you may contact our office at (435) 627-4500.

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Student exchange information and tentative itinerary:

- The St. George Marathon covers half of the airfare/transportation costs for each student. The estimated 2021 airfare/transportation is \$1,800.00 – the estimated cost for each student is \$900.00. (\$500.00 deposit is due by August 31, 2021)
- 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.

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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 - Tour and host family day  
Nov. 14 - Ibigawa Marathon and Farewell Dinner  
Nov. 15 - Leave for United States  
Nov. 15 - Arrive St. George, Utah

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