

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES IN IWAKUNI, CITY, JAPAN

This summer, **July 23 - August 6**, Everett Community College Nippon Business Institute will conduct our **20th annual educational exchange program** for students and chaperones from **Iwakuni City, Japan**. Exchange program participants from Iwakuni City have come to EvCC since 1996 to study English as a second language and take part in activities that enhance their English language skills and also promote friendship between our two countries.

One of the most important aspects of their visit to the USA is the opportunity to stay with an **American family** and **experience American life and customs first-hand**. We would very much appreciate if you would consider serving as a **Host Family** during this summer's exchange program! The host family experience has proven to be a very valuable experience for those who have participated in the past. Hosting a guest from Japan is a wonderful way to foster cross-cultural relationships and to help promote global understanding and peace between people of different backgrounds. It isn't necessary that host families speak Japanese because the students come to the USA to practice their English language skills. Your willingness to share your home for a relatively short time will result in **new international friendships** and will easily bridge the barrier that differences in language can create.

During their visit, students attend classes and participate in activities from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Evenings and weekends (Friday - Sunday) is time spent with host families. We ask host families to provide room and board, treat their student(s) as a member of their own family, and supply transportation to and from the college each day for classes and activities. In return, families receive the benefit of a unique international cultural experience and the opportunity to foster new friendships. The NBI also offers host families a stipend to help defray some of the expense associated with hosting a student.

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