

APPLICATION FOR BURBANK SISTER CITY 2008 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO INCHEON, KOREA

The cities of Ota, Japan and Burbank, California have successfully participated in a 2-week summer cultural student exchange program since 1984. Burbank students travel to Ota and stay with a Japanese family one year and Ota students travel to Burbank the next. The summer of 2007 marked our first year of having a student exchange with our sister city Incheon, Korea. In the summer of 2008 we will be sending our first group of Burbank students to visit Incheon. The program's purpose is to promote communication, goodwill, and cultural awareness, as well as foster closer relationships as sister cities by offering the opportunity of better understanding between the Korean and American people.

Applicants must be entering their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year in high school and be a Burbank resident.

It is an honor to be selected as an exchange student to Incheon, Korea. The Committee will select 10 student representatives and two alternates. Being selected entails a great deal of responsibility since you will be representing both the City of Burbank as well as the Sister City Committee. Successful applicants and their parents must comply with obligations as follows:

- join the Burbank Sister City Committee (application attached);
- commit to a minimum 2-year period in an active role on the Sister City Committee, including preparation for and participation during summer visitation of Sister City students to Burbank;
- participate in BSCC fundraising activities;
- attend monthly meetings and other planning meetings in preparation for the trip;
- host a sister city student in your home *or* provide an alternate Burbank host family acceptable to the Committee;
- promote the sister city program;
- obtain and submit student passport and 3 extra passport photos by the deadline date established by the committee;
- submit all funds required for airline ticket purchase by the required deadline;
- be Livescan fingerprinted as required by City of Burbank policy.

The full cost of the trip to Incheon, Korea is the family's responsibility. ***Financial aid, determined by separate application (attached), is available for qualified students.*** The approximate cost of the trip includes, but is not limited to:

- Airfare - \$800-900
- Passport - \$120
- Gifts for families in Incheon - \$150
- Spending money in Incheon - \$300 (average)

Participation in student fundraising efforts can result in substantial cost reduction.

You will be advised of important informational meetings and timelines for monies and passports. *Once selections are made, it is expected that commitments for travel to Korea will be kept.*

Completed applications **must** be submitted by or before 5:00 p.m., ***Friday, February 15, 2008***, at the Burbank Central Library, 110 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, attn: Sharon Cohen. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

KEEP THIS PAGE AND MAKE A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

BURBANK SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
STUDENT APPLICATION – SUMMER 2008

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY

Applicant Name _____

Address _____
Last First M / I
City Zip

Month/date/year of birth _____ Age _____ School _____ Grade _____

Home phone () _____ Cell () _____ e-mail _____

U.S.Citizen Yes ___ No ___ If No, Alien Registration Number _____

If not a U.S. Citizen, do you have a Korean visa? _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Work phone father () _____ mother () _____

Email () _____ Parent Cell _____

1) Please write a short paragraph on why you want to participate in the Burbank Sister City Student Exchange Program.

2) What do you feel you can contribute to foster closer relationships between the people of Burbank and the people of Incheon?

3) Are there any foods you will not eat? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what foods?

4) List all clubs and activities, including dates of participation, in which you are involved. Include school, church, and community activities. Use additional pages if necessary.

5) Why do you feel any of the above activities would contribute to you representing Burbank in the student exchange program?

6) Do you have previous experience with Korean people or Korean culture?

7) Have you visited a foreign country before? Yes___ No___ If yes, which country(ies)?

8) Would you feel comfortable living with a family who may speak only Korean? Yes___ No___

9) Name some ways you would try to communicate. _____

10) Do you have any medical problems that would interfere with or prohibit full participation in the trip? Yes___ No___ If yes, please explain _____

Burbank Sister City Committee

Membership Application

Dear Burbank Sister City Committee Prospective Members,

The Burbank Sister City Committee is pleased to welcome you as a member. We look forward to your participation with the committee.

Please return this form to the address shown at the bottom of the page, along with a check for your membership dues. Dues are collection on an annual basis (Jan-Dec). Your contribution will be used to support committee activities.

Thank you for your support of the Burbank Sister City Committee.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

- I would like be added to the Burbank Sister City Committee membership list. Enclosed is a check for my annual membership dues.

*Please feel free to include a donation in addition to your annual dues payment.
Any amount is greatly appreciated!*

- Family membership* - \$20 Individual membership - \$10 Donation - \$ _____

*Write additional names and email addresses on back of sheet

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to “Burbank Sister City Committee”

- Please send monthly meeting minutes and other correspondence to keep me informed of Committee activities via E-mail.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Burbank Sister City Committee

***c/o Burbank Central Library
110 N. Glenoaks Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91502***