



PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE					
LUDWIGSHAFEN GERMANY 1948	MISHIMA JAPAN 1957	JÄRVENPÄÄ FINLAND 1983	VANADZOR ARMENIA 1991	XICHENG CHINA 1999	DAKAR-PLATEAU SENEGAL 2018



## STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM OUTLINE

This unique student exchange program offers a special opportunity for individuals aged 16 to 29 to engage in cultural exchanges with our international sister cities. To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in a public or private high school or college within the Pasadena City College and City of Pasadena service area or be a resident of Pasadena while attending college elsewhere. College students should be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units.

Selected students will actively participate in Pasadena Sister City activities and extend hospitality by providing housing for visiting students during the subsequent summer.

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Accommodations: Sister cities provide housing with host families, offering appropriate lodging and visits to local attractions.
- Financial Support: Pasadena Sister Cities Committee provides insurance and a stipend to cover travel expenses. Students are responsible for their transportation and personal miscellaneous expenses, with some exceptions based on financial need.
- Exchange Term: The duration of exchange programs varies by country. Travel after the exchange is allowed, but not during the agreed-upon exchange dates.

### INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS:

#### 1. LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY

- Location: Rhine River near Mannheim and Heidelberg.
- Preference: College students preferred; high school students welcomed.
- Duration: Four to six weeks from June to August.
- Activities: Home stays with families, work experience determined by the host city, and a desire for the German language.

#### 2. MISHIMA, JAPAN

- Location: Foot of Mt. Fuji in Shizuoka Prefecture.
- Preference: College students preferred.
- Duration: Two to four weeks in late July to August.
- Activities: Alternating exchange, potential part-time English class assistance, Japanese language helpful but not required.

#### 3. JÄRVENPÄÄ, FINLAND

- Location: Suburb north of Helsinki, home of music composer Sibelius.
- Eligibility: High school or college students.
- Duration: Two to four weeks from June to August.
- Activities: Cultural exchange with home stay families, Finnish language not required.

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## 4. VANADZOR, ARMENIA

- Location: Third-largest city in Armenia, 2 hours north of Yerevan.
- Eligibility: High school or college students.
- Duration: One to three weeks from June to August.
- Activities: Cultural exchange, Armenian language helpful.

## 5. DAKAR-PLATEAU, SENEGAL

- Location: Vibrant city famous for lively markets and rich musical culture in Dakar.
- Eligibility: High school or college students.
- Duration: Program runs for one to three weeks during June to August.
- Activities: Cultural exchange in a French-speaking country; knowledge of French not mandatory.

## SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE:

This exchange within the United States involves diplomatic simulations, special speakers, and interactions with students from around the world. The program spans approximately one week in July each year, with participants staying in dorms. It is open to high school or college students aged 18 or younger.

For more information, visit Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Exchange: (<https://sistercities.org/yls>).

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please ensure your application is complete using the checklist on Page 3. Submit your completed application package via email to [studentexchangepsc2024@gmail.com](mailto:studentexchangepsc2024@gmail.com) by January 30 each year. Upon receipt, you will be sent a confirmation and scheduled for a short interview.

All applicants must be members of the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee (PSCC), with student dues amounting to \$10. Use the Membership Application available on the website.

For further details about the Pasadena Sister Cities Committee, please visit the website: ([www.psc2024.com](http://www.psc2024.com)). The student and membership applications are separate forms accessible through the website.