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PREPARING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR LANSCA SUMMER STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each student applicant must submit two letters of recommendation in support of his or her application. The points of most interest to LANSCA are the following:

- (1) Likelihood of Benefiting from the Program: the qualities in the student's background, personality, academic experience, outside activities, etc. which indicate that the experience of living in a foreign country is likely to contribute to the student's development and that the student is likely to pursue over a longer-term interest in Japan.
- (2) Cultural Studies: a demonstrated interest in foreign language or cultural study or a quality in the student's personality or background which compensates for a lack of these.
- (3) Personal Qualities: adaptability, maturity, and good judgment in dealing with the unfamiliar. The student must be able to get along well in a group and handle situations beyond his or her everyday experience and must be able to act independently and deal with pressure. Friendliness, patience and inquisitiveness are essential character assets. The student must be able to communicate, not only in an ability to speak English well but also in a willingness to reach out and open up with strangers. Finally, each student will be viewed as an unofficial representative of our city and nation and must be able and willing to act accordingly.
- (4) Talent: ability to perform, recite, create, or demonstrate a unique talent to a large group of individuals in various settings, either solo or with other students. This is a regular part of school life in Japan where participation in group activities is expected.
- (5) Community Leadership: demonstrate leadership ability with skills to outreach to City of Los Angeles City Hall officials about the student exchange experience. Evidence or potential to network in the community is desired.

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