

## Phila-Nipponica 2012

### *Recovering Japan: Preparing Philadelphia Area Educators to Teach about Japan as It Responds to the Disasters of 2011*

#### Requirements for Application

Deadline for application: **Extended until February 10, 2012**

Methods of applying:

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To be eligible you must:

- Be a social studies, science, or humanities teacher at a middle or high school with intent to remain at the current school at least through the 2012-13 school year;
- Have good health appropriate for a strenuous 17-day study tour of Japan requiring considerable walking and travel on public transportation with a rigorous daily schedule in some remote areas;
- Submit the attached application form with a brief essay (Part I) and letters of support from the school principal and one other professional reference (Part II);
- Contribute \$1,500 toward the cost of study tour participation.

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Application Form

Name:	Date:
School:	
Home address:	
Home telephone:	
Cell phone:	E-mail:
<b>Part I: On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What, if any, background or experience do you have of Japan? Please be specific.</li><li>• Why are you interested in learning and teaching about Japan?</li><li>• How do you intend to incorporate teaching about Japan into your classroom instruction as a result of participation in this project?</li><li>• Give an example of the way in which you have taken a cultural or other experience and incorporated it into your teaching.</li><li>• Describe professional leadership activities that you have organized or led for your school or district. Examples might be workshops, staff development days, presentations at professional conferences, etc.</li><li>• Briefly describe other educational travel experiences that you have had, what you gained from them, and how these experiences affected your teaching.</li></ul>	
<b>Part II: Please submit two sealed letters of support:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One letter must be from the principal or department chair of the school where you are now employed. If you are not at a school, this letter should be from your administrative supervisor. In addition to recommending you, this official must confirm that you will have the opportunity to use your knowledge of Japan in the school or district setting.</li><li>• One additional professional reference is also required, from someone who can speak to your work as a classroom teacher or administrator.</li><li>• Both references are an important part of the application process and carry significant weight in a candidate's selection. We want to hear from individuals who can thoughtfully describe your outstanding credentials for participation in this highly competitive project and tell us why your school and your teaching will benefit from this educational experience.</li></ul>	
Signature:	
Checklist:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed and signed application form</li><li>• Essay</li><li>• Two letters of support</li></ul>	