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| RECOMMENDATION FORM |

To whom it may concern: This evaluation form for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is applying for the Keokuk – Kai-shi Ambassador Exchange Program sponsored by the Keokuk Sister Cities Association, Inc. The exchange involves a 10+ day homestay in Japan followed by the next year by a 10 day hosting of a Japanese student. When completing this form, please remember the young person you are evaluating is asking to represent our city in Japan. The ability to be a good representative often relies on a student’s ability to compromise, to accept the decisions of a group, and to be respectful in situations that contradict American culture. Please keep in mind that the committee is interested in more than whether the student demonstrates leadership or assertiveness. We also ask you to speak to the student’s ability to be part of a team and accept group decisions or adult authority, even if they disagree. It would also be helpful to know how the student responds to stress and how accepting they are of other young people who may have different likes and dislikes.

The selection committee is very dependent of your willingness to be straightforward with your opinions. The strength of the student’s application and interview will also be important. Thank you for your time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle the work that best represents your opinion.

The student is flexible ad tries to adjust his/her expectations and behavior as the situation warrants.

 Never Sometimes Often Almost Always Always Not Sure

The student is considerate of others, is respectful of adults and peers, and displays general good manners.

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The student seems to have intellectual curiosity, exhibiting an eagerness to learn about new people and places.

 Never Sometimes Often Almost Always Always Not Sure

The student is concerned about others and sensitive to different communication styles.

 Never Sometimes Often Almost Always Always Not Sure

The student is able to reach out to peers who may have different interests, likes or dislikes.

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The following questions will play an important role in the selection process. Please use additional paper if necessary. These recommendations will remain confidential and will not be shared with students or their parents.

Describe the student’s personality and character as they appear to you.

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Would you consider taking this student with you on a family vacation? Why or why not?

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Why do you feel this student would be a good ambassador? What, if any, are your reservations?

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Please add any further information about this student that you think will be helpful to the committee.

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Signature Date

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