

HOST A STUDENT FROM *Ōta City, Japan*



Greater Lafayette has enjoyed a sister city relationship with Ōta City, Japan, since 1993. The connection was initially forged through the establishment of Subaru of Indiana Automotive, whose parent company is based in Ōta City. In 1998, this relationship blossomed into an active exchange program, which continues with regular, plentiful and meaningful exchanges that have built an incredibly strong bond of friendship between our two communities.

ABOUT THE ŌTA CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As part of the program, Greater Lafayette and Ōta City alternate hosting with each community sending students biennially. This year, 12 Japanese middle and high school students, along with two chaperones, will visit Greater Lafayette from August 5-14. We're looking for host families in the community to help make their visit memorable.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Throughout the week, students will participate in a full schedule of activities organized by Greater Lafayette Commerce. Hosts simply drop them off in the morning and pick them up in the late afternoon.

Evenings and the weekend are yours to share—whether it's enjoying meals together, exploring local attractions or introducing them to your favorite places in Greater Lafayette. Hosting a student doesn't take anything fancy—just a warm, welcoming spirit. For the students, it's the little things that make their experience special.



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Please note, lunches during the week will be provided, but hosts are responsible for breakfast and dinner. Additionally, everyone in the household over the age of 18 will need to pass a background check in order to participate in the program.

WHY HOST?

Hosting a student is a rewarding way to engage with a different culture while giving back to the community. It's an opportunity to create meaningful connections and help foster international friendship.

An exchange will go quickly, but the connections you make will last forever.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING?

If you're interested in hosting a student, please contact Collin Huffines at Greater Lafayette Commerce no later than **March 15**. You can reach him by email at chuffines@greaterlafayettecommerce.com or by phone at **765-742-4044**.