

Dear Okinawa Kenjinkai Representative

Okinawa Prefectural Government
Department of Culture, Tourism, and Sports
International Exchange Division Director
Hayato Sawada
(official seal omitted)

**Nomination of Candidates for Overseas Participants and Overseas Youth Leaders in the
FY2026 Uchinā Junior Study Program**

Thank you for your continued cooperation in Okinawa Prefecture's international exchange programs.

Regarding the FY2026 Uchinā Junior Study Program, we will be hosting overseas participants and overseas youth leaders for the third part of the program, scheduled to take place in early August 2026 in Okinawa. We will now begin the application process for overseas participants and overseas youth leaders for the program. Please refer to the attached documents, “Application Guidelines for Overseas Participants in the FY2026 Uchinā Junior Study Program” and “Application Guidelines for Overseas Youth Leaders in the FY2026 Uchinā Junior Study Program,” and nominate your candidates accordingly.

Please note that at this stage, we are only accepting nominations of candidates. The final results will be announced after the Okinawa Prefectural Government completes the selection process and the FY2026 budget is approved.

Note

1. Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 (JST) strictly enforced
2. Documents for Submission
 - I. Application to be a Participant
 - ① Recommendation Letter (Form 1)
 - ② Uchinā Junior Study Program Overseas Participant Application Form (Form 2-1, 2-2)
 - ③ Essay (Form 3 or within two A4 letter size papers)
Topic: "Identity as an Uchinānchu and participation in Kenjinkai activities."
 - II. Application to be a Youth Leader
 - ① Recommendation Letter (Form 4)
 - ② Uchinā Junior Study Program Youth Leader Application Form (Form 5-1, 5-2)
 - ③ Essay (Form 6 or within two A4 letter size papers)
Topic: "What is necessary for the succession and development of the Uchinā Network?"
 - III. Other
Documents related to the participation of past Junior Study Tour and Kenjinkai activities, etc.
(no format requirement)
3. Points to Note
 - The documents to be submitted must be translated into Japanese by the Kenjinkai.
 - If there is more than one nominee, please prioritize the order of the nominees.

4. Contact and Submission Information

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* When submitting the application forms or when inquiring about the program, please ensure to send the email to both e-mail addresses ① and ② mentioned above.