



HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION

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**2023 HAWAII UNITED OKINAWA ASSOCIATION  
LEADERSHIP TOUR  
APPLICATION for the 2023 DELEGATION**

**Individuals selected to participate in the HUOA Leadership Tour must:**

- **Be able to travel to Okinawa from September 28 – October 9, 2023**
- **Attend mandatory orientation and workshops at the Hawaii Okinawa Center**
- **Be 21 years or older on September 28, 2023**

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

**All materials must be submitted in order for the application to be considered.**

**1) Resume: Please submit a resume no longer than 3 pages in length. If the following information is not included in your resume, please provide an additional attachment.**

- Address – Business and Home (Specify preferred mailing address)
- Telephone – Business, Home, Cell Phone
- Email Address
- Employer
- Job Title
- Job Field
- Photo
- Professional Affiliations & Leadership Positions
- Community/Volunteer Affiliations & Leadership Positions
- Date of Birth
- HUOA Club Affiliations (and Club that will sponsor you)
- Okinawa City, Town, or Village of your ancestors
- Ancestry generation in U.S. (sansei, yonsei, shin-nisei, etc.)
- Prior visits to Okinawa if applicable (Specify year, length of stay and purpose of visit)
- Have you previously applied to the program? (Specify year)
- References (Two): Preferably individuals who are knowledgeable about your involvement in Okinawan community and/or organizations and your professional/community/volunteer experience.

**2) Biography: Please include a short (150 word) narrative biography highlighting your career, community involvement, and education.**

**3) Personal Statement: Provide a brief response to the following questions:**

**Attach separate sheet – no more than TWO pages double-spaced.**

1. Why do you wish to participate in this program?
2. Briefly describe any prior experience you have had with Okinawa activities, culture, education.
3. How did you learn about this program?



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- 4) **Letter of recommendation:** Please submit a recommendation letter in support of your application (limit two, additional letters will not be considered).
- 5) **Letter of Commitment by Applicant:** Agreeing to fund 1/3 of the Leadership Tour costs and agreeing to provide no less than a three-year leadership commitment to your HUOA club, and/or participation in a leadership capacity with HUOA. **See attached form letter.**
- 6) **Letter of Confirmation by Club President:** Confirming that the respective HUOA club's Board of Directors or decision-makers have authorized the club to fund 1/3 of the Leadership Tour costs for the applicant with the understanding that the Applicant agrees to provide no less than a three-year leadership commitment to that HUOA club, and/or participation in a leadership capacity with HUOA. **See attached form letter.**
- 7) **Arrival Weekend Options:**
  - Homestay with family, friend, or HUOA arranged family, **from Saturday, September 30, 2023 until evening on Sunday October 1, 2023** (Inform HUOA if you are interested in requesting HUOA to arrange for a homestay visit.) **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**
  - Have a family or friend pick you up from the hotel in Naha on Saturday or Sunday, September 30-October 1, 2023, to take you on a tour of your hometown and visit with relatives during the weekend and return you to the hotel in Naha

**DEADLINE:** The above information and materials must be received by HUOA by May 18 2023, by 5 p.m. Please send all information by email or mail to:

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**Selection of 2023 Leadership Tour Participants:** will be selected by the HUOA 2023 Leadership Tour Committee, based on the above information and materials submitted by Applicants.

**All applicants will be notified of the selection results by the end of May.**

**For more information contact:**

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