



# Hawaii Global Education Foundation (HGEF)

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## CULTURE SHARING PROGRAM (CSP)

*Calling Niu Valley MS Ohana!*



Hawaii has been a popular destination for many international students, ranging from middle school to college students, to learn and practice English as well as to gain the “local style” living experiences during their short stay.

Today’s young people need to be prepared for the “real” world in new ways. “Global perspective,” knowing your own country and understanding foreign countries, is essential to success. Many colleges and businesses seek leadership skills in the youth who can take care of others. That’s why the homestay program, we call **Culture Sharing Program (CSP)** is a great opportunity for Hawaii’s families! Hosting foreign students can be an eye-opening experience for both parties as cultural exchanges. You will appreciate your own customs

and cultures by sharing with others who has not been exposed to it.

CSP can provide your youth added training opportunities for leadership development, service learning, teamwork, and character development. You or your youth are not required to be able to speak or understand Japanese at all since most of them are here to practice their English skills and learn the American/Hawaii local culture.

Please treat them as if they are part of your family, instead of guests, but as you wish your own children would be treated in another country. We would also appreciate your extending your hospitality to the students by providing the following:

- Private or semi-private room (bathroom can be shared)
- Separate beddings (you host 2 of same gender students at a time)
- Breakfast and dinner daily (lunch on weekends)
- Transportation (pick-up and drop-off days)

NVMS is expecting a small group of middle school students from Kikugawa City (Shizuoka) in March 2024. While we are finalizing the details of their visit, we would like to know your interests in becoming a host family.



### < Tentative schedule >

**Pick-up:** March 24 (Sun) at 9:00am @ Waikiki Resort  
**School visit:** March 25 (Mon) @ NVMS (please drop off/pick up with your keiki)  
**Drop-off:** March 26 (Tue: Kuhio Day holiday) at 1:00pm @ Waikiki Resort (after lunch)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

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