



January 26, 2009

Dear Sempai and Jr. Sempai Applicants:

Thank you very much for your interest in becoming a Sempai or Jr. Sempai for Nakayoshi Gakko's 2009 summer session. We are excited to begin the selection process for the Sempai and Jr. Sempai who will be an important part of the 10th annual session of Nakayoshi Gakko and who have always contributed so much to the success of this program. We believe that you will find the experience of being a Sempai or Jr. Sempai at Nakayoshi Gakko rewarding and educational as you learn more about the Japanese and Japanese-American cultures and about yourself.

This year the session dates are from **Monday, June 22nd through Friday, July 3rd**. You will also be expected to attend the Parent Orientation meeting on Tuesday, May 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, as well as a Sempai/Jr. Sempai Orientation meeting which will be held Saturday, June 20th.

The Sempai position is both fun and very demanding. The children will look up to you, learn from you, and feel that you have something to offer them. Because maturity is important for this position, the selection committee requests that all applicants be at least incoming sophomores in high school for Fall 2009. There is a four year term limit for participating Sempai, and Sempai must be available for the full two weeks of the program. The Sempai position receives an *orei* (monetary gift) from the school.

The Jr. Sempai program was successful last year and will continue to take the place of volunteers. Jr. Sempai will be assigned to assist classroom teachers and specialty teachers, as well as being given specific projects and duties, some of which will change daily. Because the Jr. Sempai experience is meant to lay the groundwork for future Sempai applicants and because we want the application process to be valuable to you and to our program, we require all Jr. Sempai applicants participate in the same application process as the Sempai. Although some exceptions and accommodations can be made, we would prefer that Jr. Sempai be available for the full two weeks of the program, and preference will be given to those applicants who can commit to the entire program. That being said, we still encourage all of you who are interested in applying to submit an

application. Jr. Sempai applicants must be at least incoming freshmen in high school for Fall 2009. This is an unpaid, intern position.

Please complete the attached application and return it postmarked by Monday, February 16th to:

Sempai Selection Committee
c/o Ms. Lisa Cooper Carlson
2415 Buchanan St., #1
San Francisco, CA 94115
or
email to: heyлисachan@gmail.com

You will be notified as to the status of your application by Monday, February 23rd at which time interviews will be scheduled. The tentative dates for interviews are Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact the email address above. Thank you again for your interest in the Sempai and Jr. Sempai positions.

Sincerely,
Sempai Selection Committee



Jr. Sempai Application Form Summer 2009

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

School Name

Fall 2009 Grade Level

Tell us about any experience you have taking care of or interacting with children:

Why are you interested in becoming a Jr. Sempai? What qualities do you have that will make you a successful Jr. Sempai?



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Extracurricular Activities (clubs/sports/memberships/church/temple/hobbies/interests):

Accomplishments/ Achievements:

Have you ever participated in Nakayoshi Gakko (or any other Japanese program) either as a student or as a Jr. Sempai? If so, please tell us a little about your experience.



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You will be working with students in Grades 1 through 8. Please indicate the grade levels you feel would best suit your talents and why.

Are you available for the entire two weeks of the program from June 22 – July 3?

Please provide three references we may contact by phone or email.
