



Sanda City, Japan - Masters Marathon

Thank you for your interest of representing Kittitas County in the Sanda City Masters Marathon. The Sister-City relationship between Kittitas County and Sanda City Japan continues to grow each year. The exchange of athletes for the Sanda City Masters Marathon and the Whisky Dick Triathlon has now become an annual event.

There will be one male and one female selected by the Sanda City Relations Committee to represent Kittitas County at the Masters Marathon. A list of qualifications, application and selection process are attached for your information. You do not need to be a "competitive runner" to be selected but you must be capable of finishing a 13.5 mile run.

In addition, you will be required to pay a \$200.00 participation fee (this will need to be paid at least one month prior to your departure). All other travel expenses will be covered by Sanda City, with the exception of personal items including long distance phone calls, souvenirs, etc. Sanda City will provide a host family for you to stay with during your visit to Japan. This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime!

Completed applications must be returned with a check in the amount of \$20.00, which is non-refundable (checks made payable to the Economic Development Group). Applications to be considered for the current year are due no later than June 15th.

The Sanda City Relations Committee will announce the selection by July 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Kjorsvik at (509) 962-7508 or julie.kjorsvik@co.kittitas.wa.us Thank you for your interest!

For information on Sanda City, Japan:
<http://www.city.sanda.hyogo.jp/eigo%20new/index.html>

Sanda, Japan Masters Marathon Application Process

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older at time of travel.
- Must be a full-time resident of Kittitas County (maintain a primary residence).
- Preference given to previous athletic experience (not necessarily marathons).
- Preference given to previous Community involvement (participation with the Sanda City Relations Committee will score higher).
- Must have valid Passport or be willing to obtain one prior to traveling.
- \$200 fee due prior to departure (payable to the Economic Development Group)

Application Process:

- Completed application available in the Kittitas County Commissioners office
- Written statement of interested including:
 - Reason for interest
 - Representation of Kittitas County and what it means to you
 - Description of athletic experience
 - Description of community involvement
- \$20 non-refundable application fee
- Return to the Kittitas County Commissioners' Office – 205 West 5th Room 108, Ellensburg, Washington 98926
 - Applications may be submitted at any time during the year; however applications for the current year's marathon must be received prior to June 15th.
 - Applications will remain on file for future consideration with no additional fee or application process.

Selection Process:

- Review of applications and written statements
- Personal interview with selection committee. Selection will be made prior to July 15th
 - The preference is to select one male and one female each year to represent Kittitas County
 - Related applicants will not be selected to represent Kittitas County the same year.
 - Chosen athletes are not allowed to bring travel companions on the trip (spouse, partner, etc.)

**Application
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Please Print -

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Email address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Male Female

Do you have a current passport? ___Yes ___No

(If selected, you must be able to obtain a passport at your own expense)

Is there any reason that you would not be available to leave the country for one week in December? If yes, please explain: _____

Please attach a written statement to your application and include the following information:

- Reason for interest
- Representation of Kittitas County and what it means to you
- Description of prior athletic experience
- Description of community involvement

Signed: _____ Date: _____

- A \$20.00 non-refundable application fee must be attached upon submission made payable to Economic Development Group –