

Hosting Requirements

The host farm agrees to:

- Pay wages for training/internship
- Provide housing & access to the Internet
- Provide access to personal shopping and laundry facilities
- Provide state required Workers Compensation



If you are interested in hosting a trainee or for more information about the JATP, please contact:

Japanese Agricultural Training Program (JATP)

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The Japanese Agricultural Training Program

Over 55 years of experience and excellence!

The Japanese Agricultural Training Program was initially conceived as a means of improving Japan's agriculture via the transfer of U.S. technology and farming methods. Academic as well as comprehensive on-the-farm training is used to accomplish this. Additionally, trainee insight into American culture and institutions is developed through participation in host family and community activities.

Today's Japanese Agricultural Training Program (JATP) represents a continuing effort, not only to improve agriculture in Japan, but also to promote greater understanding between Japan and the United States.

Program History

Under the guidance of the Japanese government, the Japanese Agricultural Training Program has been on-going since 1952. The program has been sponsored by the Big Bend Community College Foundation (BBCCF) since 1966. Big Bend Community College (BBCC) and the Foundation (both located in Moses Lake, Washington) work closely with the Japan Agricultural Exchange Council (JAEC) to coordinate the program.

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Over 5,500 trainees have attended BBCC as part of the Japanese Agricultural Training Program.

18-Month Program

The 18-Month Program entails introductory classes at Big Bend Community College, a practical farm work/training experience, and study of an agricultural specialty at one of our partner colleges.

Practical Farm Work/Training Experience During the farm work/training experience, trainees are assigned to

farms throughout the United States, where they work toward developing expertise in their chosen agricultural career specialty. Trainees' majors include dairy, beef, swine, poultry, landscaping, potted plants, cut flowers, vegetable, coffee, citrus and fruit.

Trainees are placed on farms for approximately 13 months. From the beginning to the end of the program, the Big Bend Community College JATP Director and the Japan Agricultural Exchange Council (JAEC) provide support and coordination such that trainees as well as host farmers can get the most out of the program.

The Program is self-sustaining, with each trainee's earnings used to cover his/her expenses for academic training, transportation, health services, living expenses, and other costs associated with his/her staying the U.S.

College Experience

Instruction tailored to trainee requirements continues to be a principal objective of the colleges involved in the academic portions of the program.

Big Bend Community College provides Phase I Institutional Training for all trainees. Upon arrival in the U.S., trainees spend eight weeks at BBCC where they are instructed in English as a Second Language (ESL) and an introduction to American culture and American agriculture.

Phase II Institutional Training takes place following the farm work/training experience. Trainees spend approximately eight weeks at a U.S. college or university, receiving instruction in their agricultural major courses and in agricultural management, combined with field trips and laboratory demonstrations. During this time, trainees stay with host families, providing the trainee with a non-agricultural American family experience.

Following Phase II Institutional Training, trainees take an educational trip in the U.S. They then attend a closing ceremony in Seattle, WA before returning to Japan.

Benefits of Hosting Trainees

There are numerous benefits to becoming a host farm participant in the JATP.

- Most of the trainees are graduates from a Japanese agricultural college or university.
- Trainees are nominated by their Prefecture Government in Japan to participate in the program and they are carefully selected and screened by the JAEC Tokyo office.
- Many trainees come from a family farm and will eventually return to work there. Therefore, the trainees have a vested interest in learning and improving their agricultural expertise. They have been known to consistently give a high quality of work.
- Among one of the most common comments made by current host farmers is how the exchange of Japanese & American cultures and friendships have benefited their overall farm operations and work crews. This exchange has resulted in long-term friendships, which have also become valuable contacts for the trainees.

