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| **What is High School Diplomats (HSD) Program*** HSD is a scholarship program that brings together high school students from the United States and Japan each summer through two parallel experiences on cultural exchange
* HSD is sponsored by AIG and the Freeman Foundation, and is in affiliation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies ([NAJAS](http://www.us-japan.org/))
* AIU Insurance Company of Tokyo (now AIG Japan) started the program with the intent of bringing American and Japanese students closer together
* More than 2000 high school students have participated in HSD since its founding
* Refer to **http://www.highschooldiplomats.com** for additional details

**How it benefits students*** Encourages students to discover, connect, and develop relationships with people from diverse background
* Spreads understanding among Japanese and American high school students through a rich program of academic, cultural, and social activities
* Fosters the creation of meaningful and lasting friendships

**How HSD works*** Students may apply during their sophomore and junior years of high school
* Application process involves an online application. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. 40 finalists get to participate in the program
* Participants travel to Princeton University where they participate in ten days of cultural exchange with 40 Japanese diplomats. During this program, each student is paired with a Japanese roommate
* Each participant in the program is given a generous scholarship that pays for room, board, activity and most program transportation costs

**Application Process and Timeline*** Application available online: September 15, 2018
* Applications due: January 9, 2019
* Applications under review: January and February 2019
* Candidates selected for interviews notified by email: Late February 2019
* Interviews conducted: February and March 2019
* Applicants receive notification of their final status: Early April 2019

**Program Information*** Dates: July 24 - August 4, 2019
* Location: Princeton University
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