

**Interested in  
different cultures?  
Enjoy international travel?  
Want to develop new friends?  
Like sharing experiences?**

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**WORTHINGTON**

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**INTERNATIONAL**

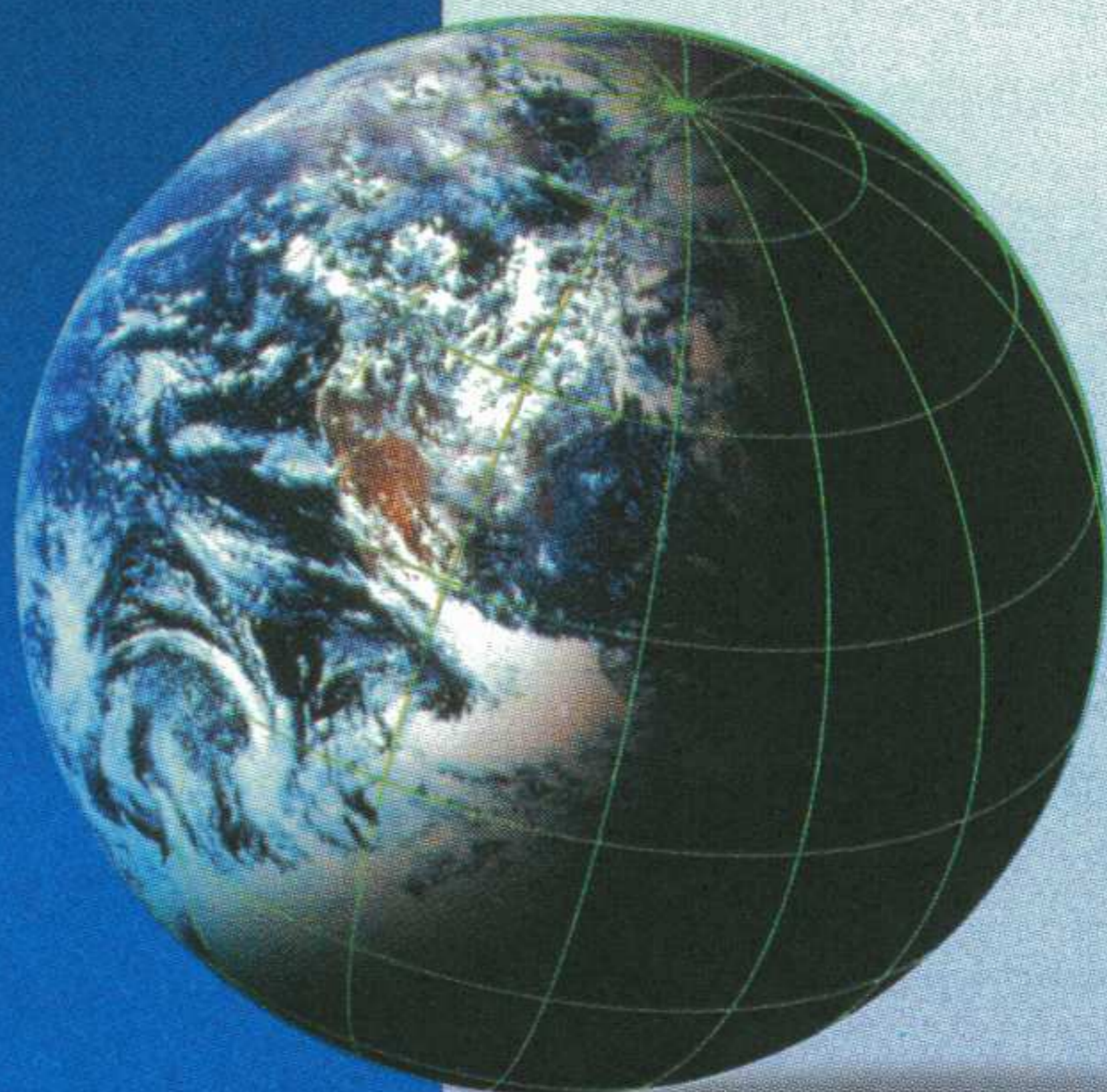
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**FRIENDSHIP**

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**ASSOCIATION**

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**... invites you  
to join  
the world  
of WIFA!**

**J**oin the world of WIFA, the Worthington International Friendship Association, where members learn and live together in a diverse community, country and world. WIFA seeks to foster intercultural friendships, to welcome international newcomers, and to learn and experience cultural differences — because we believe that understanding different cultures and customs is essential for living in the global community of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The world is becoming a smaller place. In the 1800s, it took months for news to travel around the world. In the early part of this century, it took weeks. Through today's technology we can see events as they unfold anywhere in the world. WIFA is an organization dedicated to learning and living together on today's "shrinking globe." We are committed to providing a community where:

- **international residents and visitors can feel welcome.**
- **intercultural friendships can grow.**
- **educational opportunities about different cultures flourish.**

**W**e seek to accomplish these goals through monthly activities where members learn about life around the world; experience the sites, sounds and tastes of different cultures; share personal experiences; and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Activities include:

- **ethnic dinners**
- **lectures and slide shows**
- **international festival celebrations**
- **study and discussion groups.**

**I**n addition, our members host visitors from our Sister City of Sayama, Japan, and we send delegations to Sayama to live with host families.

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## WIFA'S VISION

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The Worthington International Friendship Association (WIFA) fosters intercultural friendships because:

- we believe that all cultures have value and such friendships enrich our lives.
- we want our children to learn to live in a global community.
- the future of Worthington is tied to learning to live in a global community.



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## JOIN THE WORLD OF WIFA TODAY!

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Joining WIFA is easy. Simply complete, detach and mail the enclosed membership form. Individual and family memberships are available, with special discounts for students and senior citizens. Annual dues for individuals and families are:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Student</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Senior Citizen (65+)</b>	<b>\$10</b>

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## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

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We also welcome the support of companies and organizations. Corporate and institutional memberships are designed for companies, non-profit organizations, and public agencies to join WIFA and support our goals. Corporate memberships are \$100.

If interested, please call the City of Worthington at (614) 436-3100.

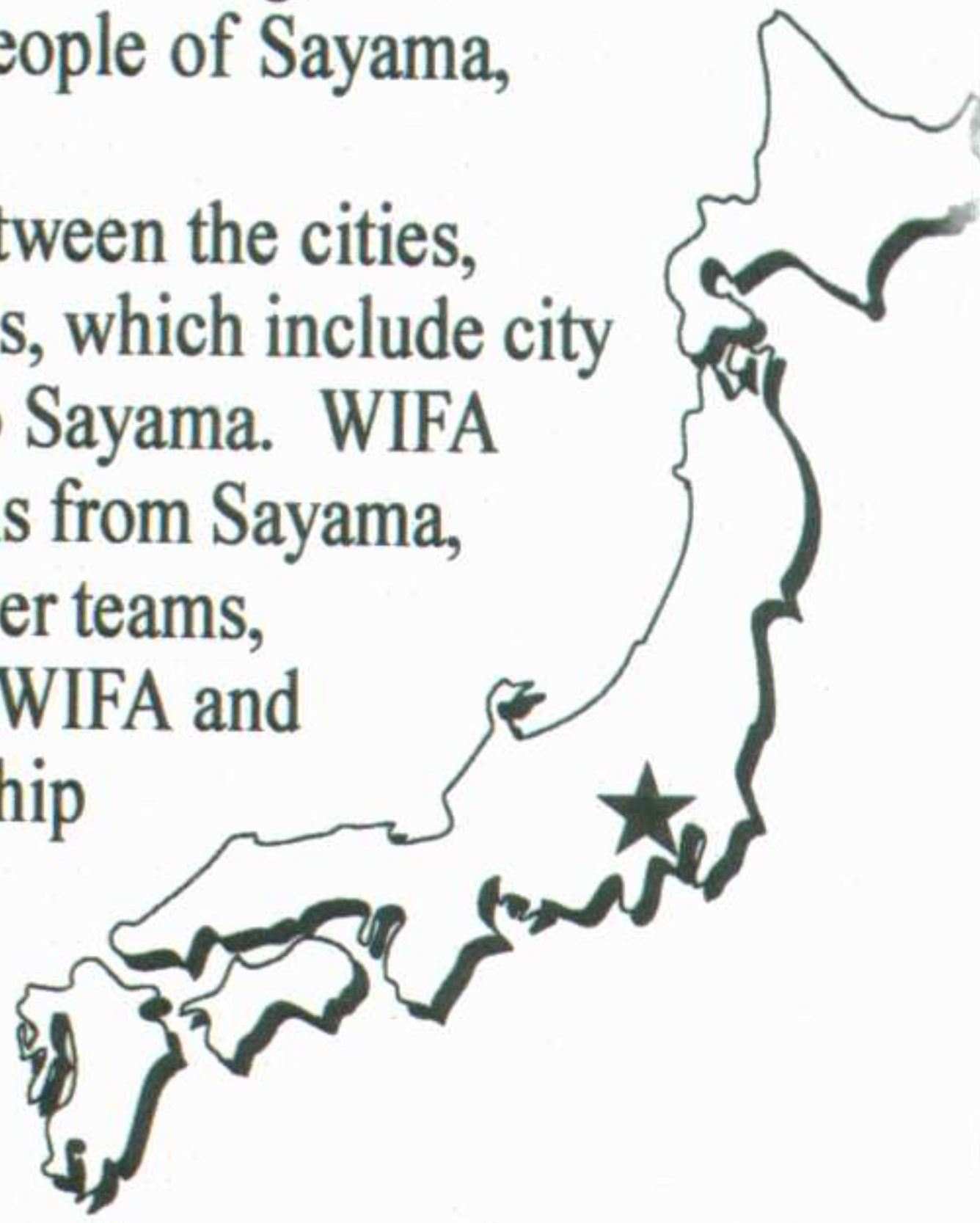
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## OUR SISTER CITY: SAYAMA, JAPAN

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The City of Worthington has a thriving Sister City relationship with the people of Sayama, Japan.

To deepen relationships between the cities, WIFA has sent several delegations, which include city officials, citizens and students, to Sayama. WIFA also has hosted several delegations from Sayama, including youth baseball and soccer teams, mayoral and citizen delegations. WIFA and the Sayama International Friendship Association (SIFA) continuously work together to establish a variety of cultural exchange opportunities among libraries, schools, senior citizens, and many other community groups.



WIFA also sponsored an art exchange between Sayama and Worthington, hosted two student delegations from Russia and sponsors events featuring the cuisine and culture of different countries. We are a growing organization, expanding our international contacts and continually seeking new relationships and new members to foster living and learning through diversity.

Approved by the Worthington City Council, a 20-member board of directors governs WIFA. We draw our membership from residents of the City of Worthington, the Worthington School District, and other communities in central Ohio.



*Visitors from the 2002 Sayama delegation gather on the front lawn of City Hall.*

# APPLICATION FOR WIFA MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family members and relationship:

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category:

*(Make checks payable to WIFA.)*

- Individual (\$15)**
- Family (\$25)**
- Student (\$10)**
- Senior Citizen, age 65+ (\$10)**

Special interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in learning more about corporate and institutional memberships. Please send me related information.

**Return this form with membership dues to: WIFA Membership  
c/o City of Worthington,  
Municipal Building, 6550 N. High St.,  
Worthington, OH 43085.**

**WIFA Membership Committee  
c/o City of Worthington  
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Worthington, OH 43085**



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