Dear applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Princeton in Ishikawa program. As you can see from our brochure, the PII program provides an excellent opportunity to learn Japanese language while being fully immersed in Japanese culture. Upon the completion of the program, all participants will be granted credit for one year of Japanese language study by Princeton University. In addition, students who complete the language program successfully may be eligible to return to Ishikawa the following summer to work in a paid internship position.

PII is a very competitive program, accepting only about 45 participants each summer. Applicants should be highly motivated to learn Japanese and to immerse themselves in Japanese culture, while serving as grass-roots ambassadors. Living in a foreign country, especially with a host-family, may be quite different from anything you have experienced before. Adaptability, cooperation, and open-mindedness are the keys to making your home-stay experience meaningful and memorable.

Read the PII Guide carefully and thoroughly before you apply. Application to the PII program must be forwarded by March 1, 2006. A complete application consists of the following items:

1. Application Form
2. A check of $40 payable to PII
3. Homestay Program Application
4. A one-page statement of purpose in English
5. Two Letters of Recommendation and Check-List of Already-Learned Grammatical Items, both should be filled out by your Japanese Instructors. We accept the letter from the recommenders, who are not Japanese Instructors, only when you have only one Japanese Instructors so far.
6. An official transcript

Before forwarding the recommendation forms to your recommenders, be sure to fill in the information requested in the box on the first page and provide your recommenders with a stamped envelope addressed to the program.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

Tomiko Kuwahira
PII Director