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"The Sister Cities program is an important resource to the negotiations of governments in letting the people themselves give expression of their common desire for friendship, good will and cooperation for a better world for all."

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Sister Cities is an International Volunteer Organization

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# Building Friendships Around The World



# Lima Sister Cities Association Membership Application

# Check Applicable Membership Category: \_\_\_ Platinum Member (\$250) for lifetime \* \_\_\_ Individual (\$15) \_\_ Senior (\$10) age 65 and over \_\_ Full-time Student (\$10) \_\_ Family (\$25) \_\_ Non profit-1 (\$40) 15 employees or less \_\_ Non profit-2 (\$70) 15+ employees \_\_ For profit-1 (\$75) 15 employees or less \_\_ For profit-2 (\$120) 15+ employees \* Platinum Memberships are for individual's use only, not applicable for corporations. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Lima's International Sister Cities Association

Lima Sister Cities Association was formed in 1995 to establish sister city relationships with one or more foreign cities, to promote greater understanding and appreciation for diverse cultures, and to celebrate Lima's growing participation in a global community.

Through the exchange of information, the development of personal relationships among representatives of the cities and wide public attention to the culture and economy of her sister cities, Lima aims to foster a bond between these cities that extends across the full, social, racial and economic spectrum of our community.



The Association aims to:

- 1. Introduce the Lima community to the people, culture and economy of comparable foreign cites.
- 2. Facilitate the development of extensive personal relations between a cross-section of the Lima social and economic community and its sister cities.
- 3. Develop programs and activities that disseminate information about the sister cities throughout Lima and encourage discussion and learning about our sister cities across the full range of public, private and business institutions within the area.
- 4. Secure sufficient financial support to ensure the full participation of representatives of all parts of the Lima community associated with sister city relations.

# Linking Individuals & Communities Around the Globe

Lima Sister Cities Association is a volunteer membership association designed to embrace individuals and organizations with international interests in our community. Whether or not you have ever traveled abroad or experienced another culture, you will enjoy the multicultural experiences that membership offers. We bring the world to you!

With over 150 individuals, family and corporate members to date, the association represents most ethnic groups in our community. And we're growing!

## **The Japan Committee**

Thanks to the hard work of this committee, the formal linking of Lima with Harima-chō, Japan, became a reality in 1999. Since then, numerous Japanese delegations have visited our community, and many Lima officials and Sister Cities Association members have visited there. To date, over 300 people have participated in these exchanges! And as we continue to broaden our involvement with Harima-chō, our second decade of friendship continues brightly.



The Japanese Garden

The goal of the Japanese garden project is to provide an authentic, fully landscaped garden that can be enjoyed by all Lima residents and serve as a symbol of friendship between Lima and our sister city, Harima-chō, Japan. All the cherry trees planted there were gifts to Lima from Harima-chō schoolchildren. Later Lima donated redbud trees for their Harima-chō park. The garden is located along the Ottawa River Walkway near the Lima Family YMCA. 202 West Eureka Street, Lima. Ohio 45804