

Two students to study in Japan

Two Alaska high school juniors will receive full scholarships to spend two months this summer with host families in Japan, Sens. Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski said recently.

Valerie Babich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelesy Babich of St. Mary's, and Sally Brown, daughter of Thomas R. Brown and Susan H. Brown of Hoonah, are Alaska's 1987 recipients of the Japan-U.S. Scholarship Program.

Valerie, a junior at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, and Sally, a

junior at Hoonah High School, competed with top students in Alaska for the honor.

The scholarships include a trip to Washington, D.C., where the winners will meet their senators and Japanese Embassy officials. In Japan, the students are usually greeted by the prime minister and other officials before joining their host families.

The program, established in 1981 by the government of Japan, is administered by Youth for Understanding International Exchange, a non-

profit high school student exchange organization. Its purpose is to promote better understanding between the people of Japan and the United States.

One hundred students nationally are awarded full scholarships each year.

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