

## HUNTER Programs International Homestay Application

Congratulations on deciding to become one of our host families. The host family is a critical element in any cultural exchange program. Your family will provide an opportunity for a foreign student to experience a new culture. Both the exchange student and the exchange student's real family are very carefully screened by HUNTER Programs in their native country before they are allowed to come to the United States. Throughout the entire hosting period, host families are in close contact with HUNTER Programs who will guide and assist them throughout their experience. The hosting experience begins with HUNTER Programs scheduling a convenient time to meet you and all members of your household. We will discuss your responsibilities and answer any questions you may have. Hosting an exchange student can be an extremely rewarding experience, but of course, there are responsibilities. Below is a list of responsibilities a family would want to consider in accepting the role of a host family. HUNTER Programs is included in the State of California Attorney General Registry of Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organizations.

Before the student arrives:

- Dedicate and clean a sleeping space, dresser and/or closet, bathroom drawer and pantry/refrigerator space for your student
- Make an appointment with HUNTER Programs for an interview and home inspection (*The inspection will include the student's bedroom, study area and all common areas of the home*)
- Know how to contact Emergency Services in case of an emergency

During the exchange:

- Provide a safe family environment for your international student to encourage the development of trust and friendship between you and the student
- Help the student feel like part of the family, with the same privileges and obligations as your own children
- English should be the primary language spoken at home
- Set and enforce house rules and curfew
- Set and enforce homework rules
- Provide household chores
- Provide high speed internet access, a private room with bed, sheets, towels, a dresser, and a desk
- Provide generic toiletries such as toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner.
- Provide breakfast and dinner Monday through Friday and all meals on weekends and school holidays
- Provide transportation to and from school
- In case of a medical emergency, know how to access and use the student's medical insurance provider
- Ensure the student knows how to contact family members, friends and other support networks
- Encourage involvement in community life by introducing the student to neighbors, friends and local groups
- Help the student understand local culture, and take an interest in the culture of the student's home country
- Students are not permitted to smoke

In order to ensure your exchange student receives a caring, supportive and warm family life, HUNTER Programs requires that you agree to host one student at any given time through our organization or through any other source. Once your application has been submitted, you will be contacted by HUNTER Programs to discuss your further steps for becoming a host family.

Generally host families plan to host students for one full academic year usually beginning late summer and ending in June. However, at times circumstances do change for host families or the student and it becomes necessary to end the homestay arrangement, or unlikely as it may be, compatibility issues can arise. Since we provide continuous support to the host families, if a compatibility issue were to arise, we would attempt to help resolve the matter before attempting to relocate the student. If either case, the host family will receive payment of hosting fees up through the day their student moves out.

HUNTER Programs agrees to pay \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month to host \_\_\_\_\_. HUNTER Programs mails monthly homestay payments on the 15th of each month for the upcoming month. Hunter Programs prorates\* the first and last month of the academic year unless it is agreed that the student will stay another year, in which case the host is paid half fees for the full summer if the student leaves the host home for the full summer, with 30 day written notification to host family. This homestay agreement is for the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
HUNTER Programs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*prorated amount is determined by multiplying the monthly homestay amount by a ratio of the number of nights in the given month a student lives with the host to the number of nights in the given month.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> PhD. <input type="checkbox"/> Esq. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Father's Last Name	First	M.I.	Date of Birth
Social Security Number	Highest level of education	High School <input type="checkbox"/>	Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please note a background check will be required</i>			
Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> PhD. <input type="checkbox"/> Esq. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Mother's Last Name	First	M.I.	Date of Birth
Social Security Number	Highest level of education	High School <input type="checkbox"/>	Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #	
City	State	ZIP	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Fax	E-mail Address		
Nationality			
Languages spoken in the home			
Do you have a religious affiliation? If yes, please specify			
Have you been a host family before?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, when
Are you a citizen of the United States?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does anyone in the household smoke?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please provide name(s)
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain

**FATHER'S OCCUPATION**

Company Name	Address		
City, State, Zip Code			
Work Phone	Fulltime	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> Occupation

**MOTHER'S OCCUPATION**

Company Name	Address		
City, State, Zip Code			
Work Phone	Fulltime	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> Occupation

FAMILY INFORMATION		
Housing type	House <input type="checkbox"/>	Town Home/Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Overall sqft:      Number of bedrooms:      Number of bathrooms:
Does the home also serve as a functioning business?	If yes, please specify	
Student preference	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference <input type="checkbox"/>
Will the student share a room? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, with whom?	
Will the student share a bathroom? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, with whom?	
<i>Please note that student may share a room with same sex and within a reasonable age difference. Student must have his/her own bed</i>		
Do you have parking available for a student?	If yes, please explain	
Are all members / others living in the home in good health?	Do you use a home cleaning service? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does anyone in the household play an instrument?	If yes, which instrument	
<i>Please list below all children and others who reside in the home. If any of the members listed below are over 18 years of age, please provide their social security number for a background check.</i>		
Full Name	Relationship	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Extracurricular Activities	School Sports	
Full Name	Relationship	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Extracurricular Activities	School Sports	
Full Name	Relationship	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Extracurricular Activities	School Sports	
Full Name	Relationship	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Extracurricular Activities	School Sports	
Full Name	Relationship	
Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth
Extracurricular Activities	School Sports	
Will you host a student active in sports or extracurricular activities? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Please note this may require additional driving on your part</i>		
Please list all pets at home (specify indoor / outdoor)		

**FOOD AND DIET**

Does anyone in the household follow dietary restrictions? YES  NO  If yes, please explain

Do you expect the student to follow a dietary restriction? YES  NO  If yes, please explain

Would you host a student who follows a dietary restriction such as Vegetarian, Vegan, etc? YES  NO  Comment

Will there be refrigerator space for the student? YES  NO

Will there be pantry space for the student? YES  NO

*Please note that the student will provide for their own lunch meals Monday through Friday on school days*

**FAMILY INTERESTS**

Describe usual family activities such as camping, traveling, shopping, art, music, etc.

Describe the special interest or hobby of greatest interest for each family member.

*For example: Father-golf, Mother-reading, John-baseball, Jane-cheerleading, etc*

Please describe responsibilities and behavior expected of the student in each of the categories

Homework

Household chores

Curfew (school night and weekends)

Access to refrigerator and food

Driving

Computer and Internet use

Drinking and/or smoking

**REFERENCES**

*Please list three professional references that are not relatives and have visited with you in your home.*

Full Name		Relationship	
Address		Phone	(    )
City, State, Zip Code			
Full Name		Relationship	
Address		Phone	(    )
City, State, Zip Code			
Full Name		Relationship	
Address		Phone	(    )
City, State, Zip Code			

**HOST FAMILY LETTER**

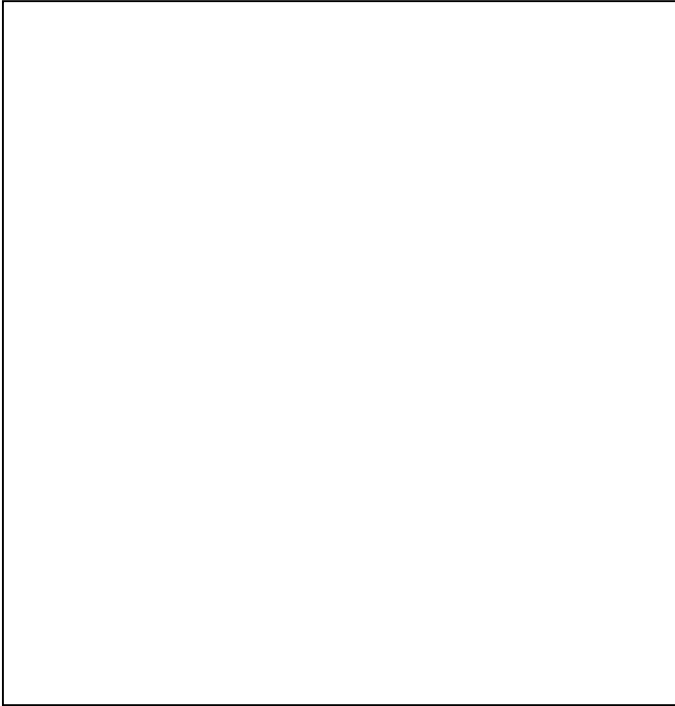
*Please TYPE using BLACK ink*

This letter will be the personal statement of you and your family and why you have decided to host an exchange student. We ask that you be brief yet thorough. Please include all information that may be of importance to the student and his/her parents such as personalities, background, lifestyle and hobbies. Your letter is the most important part of your application.



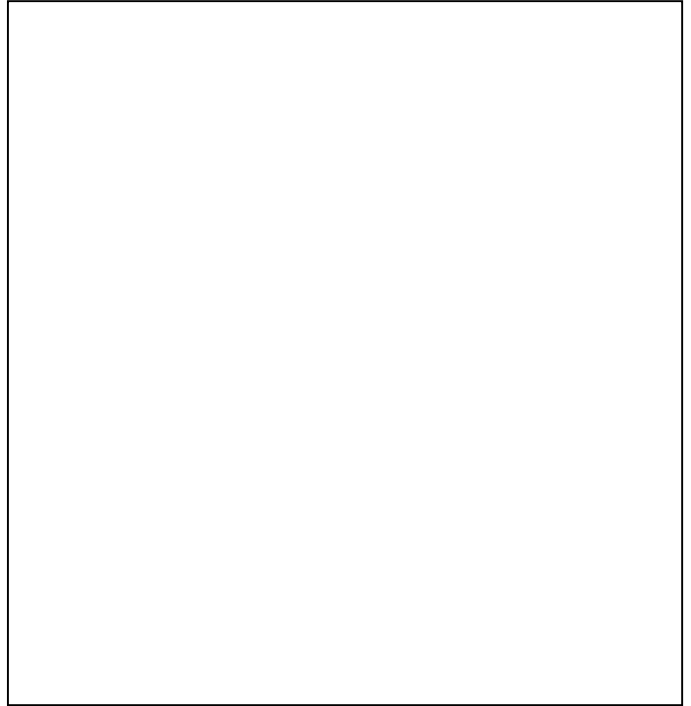

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

In the space below, please attach four recent photographs of you and your family and give a description of each photograph.



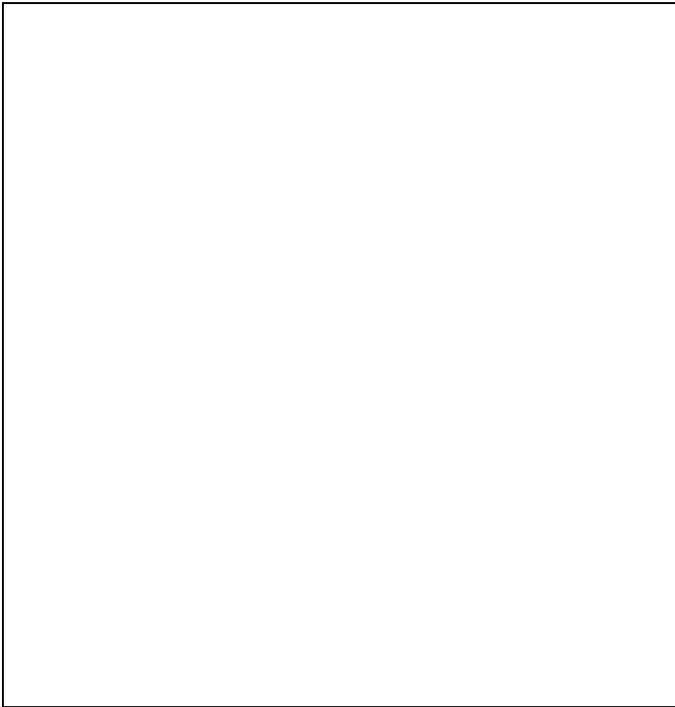
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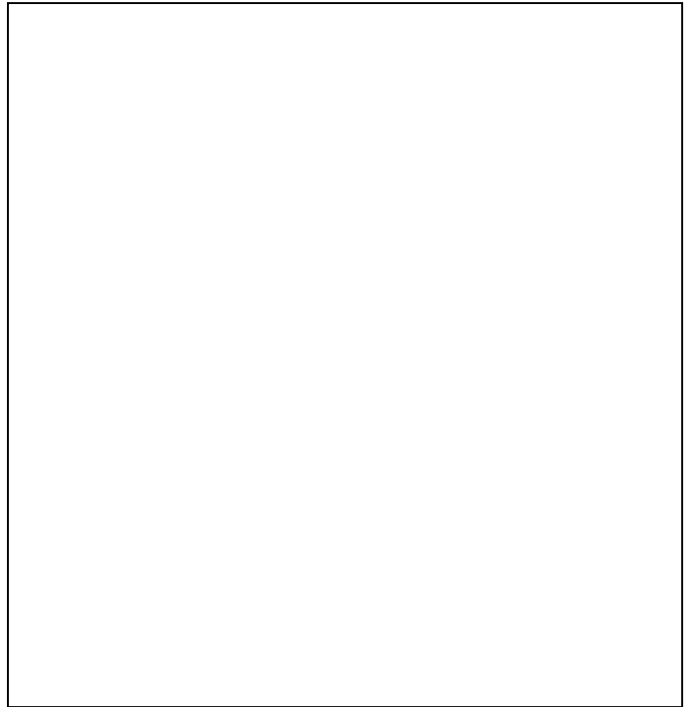
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### Waiver/Consent/Release

I certify that all of the statements in this application, and in any attachments hereto, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have not withheld any information that would affect this application unfavorably, if disclosed. I understand that any omission of facts or misrepresentation will result in my elimination from consideration of becoming a host family. I further certify that I understand that HUNTER Programs' intent is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person.

I hereby give my permission for HUNTER Programs to investigate, verify and obtain information given in this application, including searches of law enforcement and published records (including criminal background checks), contact with employers and interview references. I understand that this information will be used by HUNTER Programs to determine my eligibility for the international homestay exchange program. I also understand that as long as I remain a host family, the criminal history records check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history and that there is a procedure available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received.

I specifically acknowledge that HUNTER Programs or its affiliates will inquire about, and I authorize them to verify my employment, personal references and background, including criminal background checks which may contain arrest and conviction data. I waive any right to assert that such an investigation or request constitutes an invasion of my privacy. I recognize that such inquires are in the interest of all persons involved in the international homestay exchange program, and I fully consent to such investigations.

In consideration of my acceptance and participation in the international homestay exchange program, I, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify, all members, officers, directors, and employees of HUNTER Programs, from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury or death, including any such indemnities, which may be suffered or claimed by me as a result of an investigation of my background in connection with this application.

I further agree to conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of HUNTER Programs' international homestay exchange program and its affiliates, and understand that my service can be modified or terminated. I understand and agree HUNTER Programs may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application with or without cause.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above application, waiver, consent and release, and that I sign this form voluntarily.

Full Name of Host Parent No. 1:
Signature:
Date:
Full Name of Host Parent No 2:
Signature:
Date:
Additional Household Member Over 18 years of age:
Signature:
Date:
Additional Household Member Over 18 years of age:
Signature:
Date: