



Thank you for your interest in hosting a foreign exchange student.

Hosting an exchange student is a wonderful opportunity to experience another culture, impact the life of a student, and make a difference in today's world. The first step of hosting begins with the Host Family Application. In addition, the screening and student placement process includes the following steps:

1. Host Family Application
2. Criminal Background Check
3. Home Visit
4. School Acceptance
5. Student Selection of Host Family
6. Host Family Responsibilities and Agreement Form Review
7. Host Family Orientation
8. Student Arrival

In order to meet quality standards for AHA Homestay hosting programs, comply with U.S. Department of State regulations for secondary student exchange programs, and - most of all - to assure the natural parents that their children are placed in appropriate host families, all families must be thoroughly screened and vetted. We are confident you would want the same assurance if a family in another country were hosting you or your child.

Name of AHA Homestay Local Representative or Coordinator with whom you are already working, if any:

Please submit your completed copy of this application and required photos (please see page 6) to the AHA Homestay national office by e-mail to: EllenYoon@ahahomestay.com

An AHA Homestay representative will contact you regarding the next steps in the screening process.



Host Family Information

Basic Family Information

Family Introduction	Names	Date of Birth	Occupation	Level of Education	
Host Father					
Host Mother					
Address					
School District					
Home Phone Number					
Cell Phone No.	Father		Mother		
Employer Name	Father		Mother		
Work Phone No.	Father		Mother		
Preferred contact e-mail address					
Ethnic Background(s) (Optional)	Caucasian () African – American () Hispanic () Asian () Other _____				
Languages Spoken at Home	English () Spanish () Other _____				
What other languages do you speak fluently					
Household Members	Relation	Date of Birth	Gender	Occupation or Student	Level of Education or Grade



Please provide the information above for each member of your household. Please include all adult members of the household, 18 years of age or older, and any member who will turn 18 years of age during the exchange student's stay. All such members, according to the rules of the Department of State, must undergo a criminal background check.

- Has any member of your household ever been charged with any crime? YES NO
- Does anyone living at home have any chronic conditions (physical or mental) that might affect the student? If so please explain.
- Please attach a letter to you prospective student with a description of each household member. (For example: profession, interests, community involvement, and relevant behavioral or other characteristics of such household members that could affect the successful integration of the exchange student into the household)

Financial Resources

Note: The income data collected will be used solely for the purposes of ensuring that the basic needs of the exchange students can be met, including three quality meals and transportation to and from school activities.

- Average annual Income range

Less than \$25,000 ()	\$25,000 - \$35,000 ()	\$35,000 - \$45,000 ()	\$45,000 – \$55,000 ()
\$55,000 - \$65,000 ()	\$65,000 - \$75,000 ()	\$75,000 and above ()	

- Does anyone residing in the home receive any kind of financial needs-based government subsidies for food or housing?
YES NO

References

Please list two references that have known your family for at least 12 months. Under the Department of State rules and regulations, relatives or AHA Homestay field staff cannot be used as a reference.

Reference #1 Name	
Phone	
Address	
Email	
How do you know this person?	
How long have you known them?	



Reference #2 Name	
Phone	
Address	
Email	
How do you know this person?	
How long have you known them?	

Diet:

- Does anyone in the family follow any dietary restrictions? YES NO
If yes, describe:

- Do you expect the student to follow any dietary restrictions? YES NO
If yes, describe:

- Would you feel comfortable hosting a student who follows a particular dietary restriction (vegetarian, vegan, etc.)? YES NO

- Would the family provide three (3) square meals daily? YES NO

Transportation:

- How will the exchange student get to the school (e.g. bus, carpool, walking)?
- Would the family provide special transportation for extracurricular activities after school or in the evenings, if required? YES NO
- Is there public transportation to the school or is the schools close enough to your home that the student could walk to and from activities? Please explain. YES NO

- Does any member of your household work for the high school in a coaching, teaching, or administrative capacity? YES NO

Community Information:

- In what type of community do you live (e.g. Urban, Suburban, Rural, Farm)
- Can a student walk or bike easily? YES NO
- Nearest Major City name and Distance:
- Is there convenient public transportation available to a major city? YES NO
- Nearest Major Airport and Distance:
- What points of interest are near your area? (parks, museum, historical sites, amusement parks, theaters, malls)



Home Description

- Describe your type of home
() Single Family Home () Condominium () Duplex
() Apartment () Mobile Home
- Number of Bedrooms _____ Number of Bathrooms _____
- Describe the student's bedroom: Please note that the student must have their own room on the ground floor or higher (no basement rooms).
- Describe amenities to which the student has access:
- Is the residence the site of a functioning business? (e.g. daycare, farm): Yes No

Household Pets

- Number of Pets: _____ Type of Pets:

Family Activities:

- Please describe activities and/or sports each family member participates in: (e.g. camping, hiking, dance, crafts, debate, drama, art, music, reading, soccer, baseball, horseback riding)
- Describe your expectations regarding the responsibilities and behavior of the student while in your home (e.g. homework, household chores, curfew [school nights and weekends], access to refrigerator and food, computer use, drinking of alcoholic beverages, driving, and smoking).



- Are you willing to disclose the religious affiliations of your household members to the student in advance? YES NO

If yes, please describe below:

- Would any member of the household have difficulty hosting a student whose religious beliefs were different from their own? YES NO

Note: A host family may want their exchange student to attend one or more religious services or programs with the family. The exchange student **cannot** be required to do so, but may decide to experience this facet of U.S. culture at his or her discretion.

- How did you learn about being a host family with AHA Homestay?

- Are you now hosting an international student? __YES __NO

If yes, please provide:

- Name:
- Country:
- Age:
- Gender:
- School:
- Grade:
- Agency:

- Would you prefer to host __ Female __ Male __ Either
- Would you be interested in hosting more than one student? __YES __NO

(No more than two students may be hosted at a time)

(I understand all AHA Homestay students must have a private bedroom)

- Will you host a student with minor allergies? __YES __NO
- Are you willing to consider hosting a student with minor special needs? YES NO

If yes, do you have any specialized training or experience that would be pertinent? Please describe

- Do any members of the family smoke indoors? __YES __NO
- Do you grant AHA Homestay permission to use your photos for publicity and educational purposes? __YES __NO



The U.S. Department of State requires that photographs of the host family home's exterior and grounds, kitchen, student's bedroom, student's bathroom, and family and living areas be included in this application. Please submit the photos either by email or hard copy.

I, the undersigned, have, to the best of my knowledge, answered the questions in this application form accurately and truthfully. I understand that knowingly and willfully providing false information to AHA Homestay will result in immediate expulsion from the program and possible legal action.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Print Name

Signature

Date

I understand and consent to a Criminal Background Check conducted on all members of the household over 18 years of age prior to hosting a student.

Yes

No