



Welcome and Thank You for choosing PEACE!

PROSPECTIVE HOST FAMILY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, SAVE A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR COMPUTER ON YOUR DESKTOP AND CLOSE THIS WINDOW. OPEN THE SAVED FORM ON YOUR DESKTOP! TYPE ONLY IN THE SAVED FORM!!

The prospective host parents should complete this application: either by hand or via this online form.

Review all pages before submitting it to our home office and your local coordinator (if you already have one). **Do not leave any answers blank.** Check [x] each area off as you complete it. After completing this application, please submit it to paz@peace-inc.org. A PEACE representative will contact you to set up a host family interview and home inspection.

[] 1. **HOST FAMILY PROFILE:** This section consists of the first two pages in the application. These forms were created to comply with U.S. Department of State regulations and thus we require every field on these pages to be completed. This section is our first impression of your family and is a wonderful tool to help us find an exchange student that will complement your family dynamic and lifestyle! Please be sure to include all family members residing in the home (of all ages) as well as anyone residing in the home that is not related (foster children, friends of the family, etc) on this page. If there is not enough room, please send additional information in an email along with this completed application.

[] 2. **HOST FAMILY PERMISSION FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK:** The U.S. Department of State mandates that all Host Families undergo personal reference & criminal background checks, and house & neighborhood inspections to ensure students will live in safe and sanitary conditions. Income must be adequate to provide that the student will be eating 3 wholesome meals daily and that reliable transportation is available for school, local shopping, activities and medical care. Personal interviews must be conducted to insure that the student will be cared for and interact with responsible, nurturing adults & children with good manners, morals & reputation, that a student will be supervised when home from school, will sleep in comfortable bedding and have adequate storage for clothing and a place to study. Please specify all individuals that are over the age of 18 who will reside in your home during the exchange period. Additional information requested includes questions regarding family income to ensure the family does not depend on the government for welfare. Disability, Social Security, and retirement pensions are not considered in this evaluation. This form grants PEACE permission to run criminal background checks on all individuals 18 or older residing in the Host Family home and to conduct reference checks from all parties that may have information affecting your qualifications to host a student. You may be asked to also photocopy licenses necessary to own and operate motor vehicles, boats, mountain bikes, firearms, etc. Additionally, you will find fields at the bottom of the page for reference information. This portion is crucial to our screening process and **MUST** be completed—if left blank, your application will be considered incomplete and sent back to you.

[] 3. **AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT:** This form is our official contract with you (the host parents). This agreement outlines your responsibilities and duties as a host family. This form also states that you have read and understand all PEACE host family material and agree to release any photos of your family with the student, unless you request otherwise, to PEACE for public distribution (newsletters, flyers, etc.). Your exchange student also signs conduct agreements and has his/her own responsibilities and duties that they are expected to uphold throughout the duration of their program participation.

ATTENTION: Your application will be returned as incomplete if any questions are left blank. If a question does not apply to your family, please type/print 'N/A' in the box so that we know that you read it. If you encounter any problems in the process of completing or submitting this application, please call us at (570) 277-6621.



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Attach photos of house and family and fax or email to office

Dates of Birth and Social Security numbers are needed from all in household members 18 or older for criminal background checks.

HOST APPLICATION initial[] replacement[] temp[]

Please answer all questions completely, use black ink, and print carefully.

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STUDENT PREFERENCE M [] F [] EITHER [] WILLING TO HOST 1 STUDENT [] 2 STUDENTS []

FIRST/LAST NAME OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN HOME	RELATIONSHIP	SMOKE	AGE	SEX	HOBBIES, SPORTS, INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, CLUBS	FAVORITE SUBJECT	YRS OF EDUC.
MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS/HOW LONG		SMALL CHILDREN'S NAMES, SEX, AGE					
PETS IN THE HOUSE		PETS OUTSIDE HOUSE		WHICH RELATIVES LIVE NEARBY ?			
FUNCTIONING BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT RESIDENCE?			COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OF ANY FAMILY MEMBERS				
HOME INFO: OWN [] RENT [] HOUSE [] APT [] TRAILER []		SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT OF ANY FAMILY MEMBER AS BOOSTER, COACH, AIDE, ETC :					
LOT: INNER CITY [] IN TOWN [] SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT [] RURAL ROAD [] WOODED [] LAKE COMMUNITY [] ON FARM []							
HOME TELEPHONES		PARENT CELL PHONE:			PARENT CELL PHONE		
E-MAIL		OCCUPATION			WHAT DAYS WHAT TIMES		
PHYSICAL HOME ADDRESS		EMPLOYER			EMPLOYER		
PO BOX OR OTHER MAILING ADDRESS		BUSINESS CITY & STATE			BUSINESS CITY & STATE		
CITY STATE ZIP		BUSINESS TELEPHONE FAX			BUSINESS TELEPHONE FAX		
COUNTY	POPULATION	NEAREST AIRPORT	ALTERNATE AIRPORT	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT PEACE?			
SCHOOL TO BE ATTENDED BY STUDENT		PUBLIC [] PRIVATE [] # STUDENTS:		PHONE CHURCH YOUR FAMILY ATTENDS			REGULARLY [] INFREQUENTLY []
ADDRESS		STATE	ZIP	DENOMINATION		CITY/STATE	
PRINCIPAL		GUIDANCE		PASTOR/PRIEST:		PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL		EMAIL		EMAIL			
STUDENT WILL HAVE OWN ROOM [] STUDENT MUST SHARE WITH:					# BATHS:		# BEDROOMS:
FOREIGN LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY WHOM [] FLUENT? [] HS ONLY				AUTOS - YEAR AND MAKE:			
SPORTS OR ACTIVITIES BY TEENS IN HOME BY WHOM			PRACTICE DAYS & HOURS		MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND WHO PLAYS THEM		
INTERESTING PLACES AND COUNTRIES VISITED AS A FAMILY.			PLACES YOU MIGHT TAKE A STUDENT				

Host Family Application

	Yes	No
1. Do you have the financial stability to provide daily meals?		
2. Exchange students may not drive. Will transportation be available to and from after school activities?		
3. Can you accommodate a student of a different denominational faith?		
4. Is at least one parent home during the dinner hour?		
5. Does your family practice any special dietary lifestyle (vegetarian, gluten free)? _____		
6. Do you describe your childrearing as ____ rigid and strict, or ____ flexible and moderate? Do your children agree?		
7. Do your children have a curfew or other restrictions which will also apply to the student? If yes, please explain. _____		
8. Do any of your children have jobs during the school year? If yes, what days and hours? _____		
9. Circle your children's chores: Clean Room Yard Work Wash Dishes Vacuum & Dust Animal Care Laundry Trash Snow Removal		
10. Would you expect the same chores of an exchange student? If not, explain: _____ _____		
11. Circle any social customs, activities, or holiday that your family does NOT celebrate or participate in: Drinking Card Playing Birthdays Dancing Halloween Christmas Other: _____		
12. What behaviors and/or attitudes do you find unacceptable in teenagers? _____		
13. What personality traits and/or behaviors do you prefer in teenagers? _____ _____		
14. Why do you want to host an exchange student? _____ _____		
15. What are your children's expectations of a student and from the overall experience? _____		
16. Why will your family make a good host family? _____ _____		
17. What are some of the cultural, historical, or natural sites/events in your part of America that you might take an exchange student to see? _____		

Please check the activities that your family—as individuals or as a group—are involved in.

<u>Competitive Sports</u>	<u>Performing & Creative Arts</u>	<u>Special Interests</u>	<u>Church/Community</u>	<u>Personal Activities</u>
Baseball	Marching Band	Hunting/Fishing	Bible Study Club	Roller Skating
Softball	Orchestra	Target Shooting	Church Youth Group	Ice Skating
Football	Your Instruments: _____	Cooking	Church Choir	Bicycling
Basketball	Acoustic Guitar	Auto Mechanics	Homeless Volunteer	Hiking/Jogging
Track & Field	Piano	Carpentry	Ecology Conservation	Camping
Soccer (Futbol)	School Chorus	Electronics	Hospital Volunteer	Water sports
Field/Ice Hockey	Dance: specialty _____	Equestrian	Nursing Home Vol.	Water Recreation
Volleyball	Modeling	Junior ROTC	Animal Shelter Vol.	Motorcycle/ATV
Swimming/Diving	Cheerleading	4-H Club	Boy/Girl Scouts	Racquet/Handball
Tennis	Drawing/Painting	YMCA/YWCA	Key Club	Collecting _____
Bowling	Ceramics/Sculpture	Weightlifting	Medical Asst.	Video Games
Golf	Crafts	Nautilus	Emergency Fire Asst.	Computer Games
Gymnastics	Photography	Aerobic Dance	Tutoring Students	Reading/Writing
Snow Skiing	Videography	Yoga	Pre-School Volunteer	Gardening
Other _____	Other _____	Other _____	Other _____	Other _____

**HOST FAMILY PERMISSION FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE & CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**

If this form contains light blue fields they enable typing the form on-line for convenience but do not allow submitting on-line. You must still print out for signing and completing check boxes and fill-in circles that are not in blue.

This form is kept in a locked drawer separate from other materials to keep social security & other ID numbers private and to record data needed by PEACE but is confidential from sending family, international representative, exchange student, sending schools or host schools. It may be provided on demand by law enforcement or regulatory agencies.

U.S.Department of State(DOS) Regulation 22 CFR 62.25(k)(7) requires sponsor programs to “Verify that each host family household member eighteen years of age and older and any program representatives interacting with students has undergone a criminal background check". **The search agency cannot examine public records without the social security # and date of birth of the person(s) begin checked.**

Please provide 10 years residency and the below information for all members of your household who are age 18 or over when student arrives. Does not apply to children living out the house or away at college and only returning to visit at holidays and breaks.

Street Address of Your Residence	City	State	Zip	Years resided	Landlord (if rented)	Landlord Phone #

Last Name	Maiden Name	First Name	Middle Name	Social Security #	Date of Birth	Signature

List any criminal history, sexual or substance abuse, school suspensions, or other legal problems in your immediate household. If yes, Document issue by providing narrative explanation on the back of this form, attaching all relevant copies of formal documentation from appropriate parties for our evaluation. No one history may be presumed to cause denial or allowance of hosting. Our decisions are based on each individual case as it relates in our judgment at the time. While appeals to denials will be respectfully heard, the final decision is legally and solely that of the Responsible Officer of the program.

[] name(s)[] , relationship to family [] , status: ongoing[] ; past[] , year(s) []
 [] name(s)[] , relationship to family [] , status: ongoing[] ; past[] , year(s) []

Average family income range: under \$25k[] , \$25k-\$35k[] , \$45k-\$55k[] , \$55k-\$65k[] , \$65k-\$75k[] , over \$75k[] . Income data collected is used solely for the purpose of ensuring that the basic needs of the exchange student can be met of three adequate meals plus transportation to & from school activities.

I/we are[] Are not[] living in federal or state subsidized housing[] , receiving food stamps[] , or collecting welfare[] (applies only to hosting parents)
 If yes, describe recipient[] , benefit type/reason[] , amount [\$] per [] , date from [] to []
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* PEACE is not opposed to hunting, climbing, caving, boating, water or snow skiing, operation of ATVs, jet skis, motorbikes, farm equipment and other ac- tivities that are legal, but add risk to students who participate, and thus generate liabilities. So we ask you to check your student’s insurance for exclusions of coverage for hazardous activities and check your homeowners for protection of you against injuries that may happen on your property that create liability.

You can find most any kind of specialty insurance on line or asking your property and casualty agent. If he or she believes your student is not covered they may advise the student to take extra insurance before participating. The cost of said insurances would be the student’s responsibility.

Many exchange students have taken gun safety classes, obtained hunting & fishing licenses, driven snowmobiles, mountain bikes, jet skis, and the like; but we ask you to be prudent in seeing that they are properly insured and ask their parents to give permission by email (copy PEACE) allowing their engagement in things that may be wonderful opportunities to learn and experience but, nevertheless, risks their parents may wish to deny their minor children (under 18).

PERSONAL REFERENCES KNOWING YOUR FAMILY WELL: FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, SCHOOL EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER, A PARENT, IF SHARING CUSTODY			
NAME	NAME	NAME	NAME
TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE
CITY/STATE	CITY/STATE	CITY/STATE	CITY/STATE
Relationship: friend (not program rep)	Relationship: neighbor	position with school:	<i>list x-spouse here if child custody is split</i>

We feel that our family has both the ability and the desire to make the effort necessary to overcome problems in communications and cultural differences in order to absorb a new member into our home and family. We understand and acknowledge by our signature that P.E.A.C.E., Inc. maintains Jurisdiction over all aspects of the program. Since P.E.A.C.E., Inc. has full responsibility for the students welfare, in the event of any dispute or problem Between the student and our family, P.E.A.C.E. Inc. retains the right to remove the student from our home at any time, or take other action as deemed Necessary. We understand that interesting news or photos we share with PEACE local coordinators or home office may be shared with other participants in their in-house newsletter as they feel appropriate unless we specifically request it is not.

I/we, the undersigned, authorize any government agency, school, medical facility, employer or criminal/credit check agencies to release information held on me/us as requested by the DOS designated sponsor program in order to determine our suitability to host. Attached or copied to the empty space on the front and back of this form (as needed) are copies required documents including our drivers licenses, concealed carry permits, hunting license, gun registration, and any other ID that permits us to legally conduct our affairs in activities that may be considered dangerous enough to require licensing or registering. By asking you to prove state or federally required licensure, protects both of us and is confidential between us.

Sign _____ print _____ sign _____ print _____ date _____
 host parent signature host name host parent signature host name



PEACE HOST AGREEMENT: AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

I/we, _____, legal residents of the _____ school district, agree to receive _____ of _____ to live in our home during the []coming/[]current year from approximately _____, 20____ to _____, 20____ (as[]1st arriving; []relocating) and to treat him/her as a full-fledged member of our family in every way. As guardian(s) I/we will provide the same prudent supervision, moral guidance, parental love, and nurturing as I/we would give our own natural children and will keep secure any firearms, drugs, alcohol or any other unhealthy or dangerous items kept in our home. I and my family enter into this agreement freely and willingly in the interest of international peace & cooperation, to help the above named student learn our language & culture, and to gain greater understanding between us and our global neighbors.

SCHOOL: The length of my student's stay with me shall not be limited by the school term of whichever institution is attended while living here; but while attending school I will see to my student's adherence to that institution's regulations, rules, and attendance schedules; and I will oversee to his/her good and regular study habits and behavior in all activities.

FINANCES: I understand that no child support remuneration to hosts is allowed by the U.S. Dept. of State. I agree to provide my student with a house key, bed, closet, dresser and study space (may be shared with siblings), and 3 meals a day while residing in my home, including packing from home or paying the basic school lunch. I understand that PEACE will arrange student airfare, orientation, bilingual counseling, and medical insurance, but that students must pay all uninsured expense (such as deductibles, sports physicals, immunizations, eyeglasses, dental); plus their own phone bills, clothing, school supplies, personal spending money and debts or liabilities. Students may be asked to share *excessive* extra costs (special food, transportation, etc.) I understand that lending or borrowing money is strictly forbidden between students and their host, that I am not to co-mingle bank accounts, nor control ATM or other deposits or withdrawals of student funds, and will therefore instruct my bank to contact PEACE if they insist on a minor student having a joint account with me.

WORK & DUTIES: I understand that students are prohibited from taking regular gainful employment other than sporadic odd jobs in the neighborhood such as baby-sitting, tutoring, lawn or garden care, snow removal, etc. I also understand that students are not allowed to work for room & board; but are expected to assist in routine family chores, such as light house and yard work, similar to duties of other host family children, allowing time to experience outside activities.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: I agree that our student may not operate a motorized vehicle on public highways while participating in this program, except as a student in a driver's education class, (even if the student holds an international operator's license). I agree to provide transportation from and to the PEACE designated arrival and departure airport for his/her stay in my home; for school, church, local extra-curricular activities, medical care; and to any required PEACE student-family orientations or other functions that PEACE provides for my student's benefit. I understand that if a PEACE area rep organizes other excursions or social activities, these are optional and not mandatory.

TRAVEL: I understand that students are here for linguistic, educational, and cultural enrichment and, as such, are to be immersed in everyday school, community, & home life for the duration of their stay here. Therefore, they are not to return to their home country or travel independently to visit relatives or friends living in this country regardless of holidays, anniversaries, weddings, birthdays, or other special events. I agree to notify the program of the address and phone where he/she will be, if I or anyone else takes my student away from our home on an overnight trip. I will verify with responsible adults any request by my student to attend parties, travel or stay overnight, or have unknown visitors. Regarding vacations I will ask natural parents their ability and willingness to pay extraordinary expense (i.e, airfare) before finalizing plans.

TERMINATION: I understand, by virtue of its contractual obligations to the student's natural family and the U.S. Dept. of State, that the program sponsor (PEACE, Inc.) is the final arbiter in any disputes between us and/or decisions as to punishment, relocation, or early return of any student assigned to me. I will advise the program of student infractions of rules, regulations, or laws promptly, so they can better record and help us manage problems, in order to avoid drastic solutions.

I have received and reviewed a copy of the PEACE Program's *Host Family Guidelines* and the US Government Criteria for Exchange Visitor Programs. I agree to uphold and abide by all policies, rules & Procedures provided here and in handbooks, bulletins, newsletters, and orientation meetings, and will review all such material as I receive it. Photos of our family and exchange student that we sent to PEACE are freely given to be published in newsletters, posters and other public media unless expressly forbidden in writing before or after submission to the PEACE office.

Head of the household [required signature] _____ Spouse _____ other guardian member(s) of household _____ date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Main Telephone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Main Email _____ Alternate Email _____



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