

INCOMING STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before receiving these instructions and the full application, you should have already submitted your 2-page preliminary application, a copy of your last school report card, paid a \$150 non-refundable processing fee, and been interviewed by a program representative. THE MAIN APPLICATION: The student, not his or her parents or teachers, should complete this as much as possible. Review all before turning in to your representative. Do not leave any answers blank. Check each area off as you complete it.

1. PROFILE SECTION: First, complete the basic, Personal Profile questions on the FRONT page. These are the same questions that you did on the preliminary application except you must now do it in English. This is because you are applying to live in an English-speaking country. The people reading your application there probably don't speak your language; so, you must now do everything in their language. Disclose all relatives (including cousins, aunts, uncles) in the USA. Plus US Government forms 156 and 158. Falsified information will result in financial penalties, a denied visa, and reduce the chance of future visas to visit the USA.
2. ATTITUDES QUESTIONNAIRE: to tell your preferred life-style and to reveal some of your personality traits, philosophy, and beliefs. We cannot guarantee that all of the people you will live with will have a compatible temperament with yours, or that you will get to do or see all that you want, but this will help us better match you with a host family (since the family chooses the student) and for them to better understand you. Use numbers instead of [X] to be more precise in your answers. This is *very* important describing things you are bothered by (5=allergic, 4=highly bothered, 3=moderate, 2= minor annoyance, 1=Doesn't bother you at all). If allergic tell if you control it and how. Make sure these answers describe you and not what you think we want, or you'll end up in the wrong home.
3. ACTIVITY LIST: Here, check in the first column all activities you have done recently or do currently and blacken the box ONLY for those you do a lot or like the most. In the second column check the ones you'd like to do as an exchange student and blacken ONLY those you'd like to do the most. Confine the blackened boxes to the top 25% of all responses in each column. Be honest and accurate. Describing what you think will make you more interesting than you are will get you selected by the wrong family.
4. PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: Your letter must be written without assistance in English. It is your story, not someone else's. Don't duplicate statistics from the first page. Instead, reveal your relationship with and feelings towards your family. Tell us your life goals, why you want to be an exchange student, and why you think you would be a good one. Don't forget to sign your name. Your parents should write an open letter of introduction to the new host family. You must translate it into English if they can't.
5. ACADEMIC SECTION: You must attach an official transcript of your last two full years, plus available present-year grades. Make an English translation of those courses in this section. If credits are needed because you will not be graduated from high school, your principal must write a letter (with an English translation) requesting the classes you need for credit. If you will have graduated by the time you travel, don't expect to receive a diploma or academic credits from your host school. You must bring a copy of your current year's transcript if you want to be eligible for school sports. Not all schools allow exchange students to play.
6. ENGLISH TEST: Ask your most recent English teacher to give you the English test in the Academic Section and rate you honestly. Exaggerated evaluations may result in American schools canceling your enrollment. If you are not good in basic conversational English, start taking private lessons immediately. Your visa interview will be conducted in English.
7. COMMUNITY REFERENCES must be completed by ADULT neighbors, friends, clergy, or employers unrelated to you. Give them a postage-paid, return envelope with a note for them to seal and mark "confidential". Return all to us unopened.
8. MEDICAL SECTION: If any immunization has not been given or boosted as required on the chart on page one, PLEASE get your doctor to give it AT THE TIME OF YOUR EXAM. (MMR & Td must be boosted every 10 years!) Extra vaccinations may be recommended, depending on your final destination. Expenses for exams and immunizations are your responsibility. If you wear braces, attach a copy of your orthodontic program here; also, bring a newly updated one with you when you travel.
9. CONTRACTS: You and your parents must sign both sides of the Academic, Electronic, Medical, & Travel Issues, and Student-Parental Agreement. Parents must also sign the Payments/Cancellations/Refunds Agreement and the ES App Amendment.
10. PHOTOS: (1) Six ID-size photos are needed for copies of your application, advertising, and your student I.D. **Be sure to smile or nobody will want you!** (2) Add some color snapshots of your house and your family for us and your new host family to see. Print your name on the back of each photo to insure that it doesn't get mixed up with someone else's. (3) Photocopy the main page of your passport.
11. VIDEO. Make a 5-7 minute English DVD or .wav file of your house, family, friends, school, activities & city. Bring this to review with your application. It will help the host school evaluate your English and be useful to you for local presentations after you arrive.
12. TIMELINE: This entire application should be completed & returned to your representative within 30 days of this date: _____
Get a passport expiring 6 months later than the program. Attach a photocopy of the main page on your passport. A search for a host family will not begin until 50% of fees are paid. All fees are due before your visa document is released or a plane reservation is made.
13. DEPARTURE PREPARATION: Before traveling, you will receive an orientation to review the rules and obligations that you and your parents must follow while participating in the PEACE program. False expectations by you can cause trouble for everyone; therefore, your attendance is mandatory. This meeting may be held before notice is received of a host family.