

HOSTING APPLICATION

Please attach a recent family photo that can be sent to your French host

Please print in black or blue ink.

American Hosting Student's ("hoster") Name _____

Age of hoster _____ When is hoster's next birthday? _____

Grade in school of "hoster" _____

School of "hoster" _____

Level of French and current French teacher of "hoster" _____

Other HSE district French teachers that 'hoster' has had _____

If the American "hoster" student is a freshman, sophomore, or junior, how serious is the family about sending the American student to France in the spring of 2015 with the FHS group when we go to Alsace, France to stay with our French counterparts?

Circle one of the following (make comments if you wish)

1. American student is planning to go to France with the FHS group, believes he/she will meet the requirements for participation, and has the financial support of his/her parents.

2. American student would very much like to go, but doesn't know if it will work out because of the following reasons: _____

3. American student knows that he/she cannot or will not go to France with the FHS group but wants to host anyway.

Address:

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: HOME (S) _____

CELL (s) please indicate to whom each of the numbers belong _____

E-MAIL(s) please indicate to whom each of the addresses belong _____

PARENTS:

Father: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother: _____

Occupation _____

Please list the names of any other adults who live in the household: _____

Marital Status: married divorced * separated* widowed single
*please indicate with which parent the student will be staying and any logistical issues _____

CHILDREN: Please indicate NAMES AND AGES of children in your home.

Boys: _____

Girls: _____

Will the "hoster" student be working while hosting? Yes No

If yes, how many hours during that week? _____

What family members will interact with the French student while the "hoster" is working or doing homework? _____

FAMILY:

1. Does anyone in the family speak a language other than English? If so, who, which language(s), and to what degree? Are all members of the household capable of and willing to speak English?

2. Have you ever hosted a foreign student? Please describe. _____

4. Please describe any special interests that you share as a family: _____

5. Our family can be described as (check as many as apply):

active intellectual/academic talkative quiet athletic

on-the-go "home bodies" affectionate musical artsy

other _____

6. Is your family religiously active? If yes, religion: (note: this question is here because in case a French student requests a certain placement. You may leave blank if you wish).

7. Has your family traveled? Where?

8. Do you have pets? Please specify.

9. When the French student is at your home, where will he/she sleep? (please see the information in *Responsibilities of hosting families* on the last page) _____

10. Why is your family interested in hosting a French student? What special activities would you plan for him/her?

11. Please list all allergies that the American hoster student has. (This is something we must think about when making the matches. We don't want to match an American allergic to dogs with a French student who has a dog, since the American might return the visit.) _____

HOSTING STUDENT ONLY: This must be filled in by the student hoster himself/herself. Write about your interests, hobbies, work and travel experiences, free-time activities, personality etc. This helps to match the visiting student to the family. Also, please tell me why you want to host a French student. Finally, describe the personality of a current close friend with whom you get along very well. **BE DETAILED. The information you give here is very important, a lack of information may lead to your not being chosen to host. Feel free to attach additional pages.**

American hosting student: Will you attend the in-school field trip on Friday, April 12th celebrating Cajun culture with your French student? Yes No

Hosting Preference

Our family prefers to host (check all that might apply): a boy girl doesn't matter

Any other information you would like us to know:

FAMILY REFERENCE:

Clergy, teacher, employer or other professional:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____

SIGNATURES:

We affirm that there is no one who lives in our household or who would be in our household who has been convicted of a crime (other than minor traffic violations). We have read the information letter announcing the exchange and the Responsibilities for Hosting Families and understand the policies and responsibilities outlined therein.

Parent (s) _____ Date: _____

Student _____ Date: _____

There will be a criminal background check on all adults who live in the household.

Responsibilities of hosting families:

Host families are to provide a safe, non-threatening, respectful, and appropriate environment in which trust and friendship between you and the student can develop.

- Meet your exchange student on arrival in at the Indianapolis airport on the evening of April ____ and make him or her feel at home as part of the family.
- Provide transportation for the French student to and from school (see itinerary). At times, the French students will need to be picked up and/or taken to school in the evenings for activities.
- Provide all meals for the exchange student. On some weekdays when the French students take a field trip, you will be asked to pack a sack lunch for your host student. Make sure that they are eating a sufficient amount and are able to have access to foods they will eat. If students are vegetarians, have food allergies, or have religious restrictions on food, please accommodate their personal choices.
- On days that students are to attend school, appropriate transportation must be provided to host students to and from school. Some days the French students have a field trip and my need to be picked up later in the evening. If this is a problem, another host parent might be found to help.
- Provide a bed that is uniquely for the exchange student. Exchange students should ideally have their own bedroom or be housed in a bedroom with a same-gender and a same (or close in age) hoster student.
- Treat the student as you would wish a member of your family to be treated while living abroad. Invite him/her to participate in family activities. The host family agrees to undertake the financial responsibility for **all** the activities to which they invite the exchange student. The American host family is responsible for all costs of all activities they plan.
- Ensure that the student is in a safe, respectful, and appropriate environment at all times. A criminal background check will be performed on host parents.
- Involve the student in chores, responsibilities, and activities similar to those of your own family members.
- Try to plan special activities for the student that will help him learn about Indiana and American culture. Remember this is almost certainly his first visit to the US and may be his only visit ever in his entire lifetime. Let's make it memorable!
- Help the student master your language. Just speaking with your student is a wonderful experience for the student. Ask him/her questions but also just talk to him/her. Work hard to make conversation with them (remember he/she may be very shy to speak English).
- Encourage the student to meet other young people.
- Do not leave the student alone or just alone sitting in front of the television or computer for extended periods of time. The French student should be interacting with Americans as much as possible. If the American student is busy with homework, the French student can interact with the host parents, siblings or other family members.
- Be tolerant of differences. Please be especially tolerant of religious differences and do not force the student to actively participate in your family's religious activities. Invite them to participate, but do not force them.

The responsibility of hosting an exchange student is not complicated, but does require understanding, compassion, and patience. The rewards of hosting a student are great. They include expanded views, international understanding, and the development of long-term friendships, to name a few.

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