



INCOMING STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before receiving these instructions and the full application, you should have already submitted your one-page preliminary application, a copy of your last report card, paid a \$150 non-refundable processing fee, and been interviewed by a program representative.

THE MAIN APPLICATION, as much as possible, should be completed by the student, not his or her parents or teachers. 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. Additional to this you must complete US Government forms 156 and 158. Falsified information will result in financial penalties, a denied visa, and will reduce the chance of future visas to visit the United States.
- 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. Remember: your objective is to learn about people and life-styles that are bothered by (5=allergic, 4=highly bothered, 3=moderate, 2= minor annoyance, 1=Doesn't bother you at all) and else where to be more accurate. Make sure these answers describe you and not what you think we want or you will end up in the wrong place.
- 3. ACTIVITY LIST:** Here, check in the first column all activities you'd 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 to 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. AGREEMENTS:** You and your parents sign both sides of the Student/Parental Agreement, the Travel Issues Agreement and Medical Insurance Issues Agreement. Parents must also sign the Payments/Cancellations/Refunds Agreement.
- 10. SIX ID-SIZE PHOTOS** are needed for original application, advertising, school, host family, student I.D., and a back-up-host family. **Be sure to smile or nobody will want you!** Include 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.
- 11.** In English, make a 10 minute video 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.** This entire application should be completed and returned to your representative within 30 days of this date: A search for a host family will not begin until 50% of the placement fee is paid. All fees are due before visa documents are released or a plane reservation is made.

Before traveling, you will receive an orientation to review the rules & obligations 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 by a host family.