

STUDENT

PRE - APPLICATION



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# STUDENT PRE-APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

CHECK, AS YOU DO EACH ITEM, TO BE SURE ALL IS COMPLETE

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Before receiving the instructions and the full 17-page application, you should submit this preliminary application, a copy of your last report card and a \$100 non-refundable processing fee to our program representative. Please be sure to answer all questions when completing this application.

- ø 1. PROFILE SECTION: First, complete the basic, *Personal Profile* questions on the FRONT page. Answer the religion section with both your denomination (Catholic, Baptist, Jewish, etc.) and level (active = high attendance /important to you; little interest = low attendance /don't care)
- ø 2. On the BACK page of this section is a questionnaire to tell first your preferred life-style and your most desired activities; and then to reveal some of your personality traits, philosophy, and beliefs. While 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, 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 different than that to which you are accustomed.
- ø 3. Use numbered answers to section II questions about what you are uncomfortable with or bothered by. 5= allergic/hate it! 4= high discomfort 3= moderate 2= minor discomfort 1= Does not bother you at all
- ø 4. On the INSIDE, your personal letter must be written without assistance in the language of the country to which you are going. It is your story, not someone else's. Don't duplicate raw statistics from the first page. Instead, reveal your relationship with and feelings towards your family. Don't publish negative feelings. 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 this letter also into language of the country to which you are going.



# PERSONAL ATTITUDES QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this survey is to allow us to better know the desires of our participants. If we know what you like most and least there is a better chance you will be selected by a family with some similar interests better able to meet your desires.. But keep in mind that this is a tool to help the family choose a student, not a guarantee. Tell the truth about you, not someone else's idea, or you will be in the wrong family!

El propósito de este cuestionario es dar al programa un mejor punto de vista de tus perspectivas. Así sabremos que es lo que esperas o piensas ganar de esta experiencia y también entender tu temperamento y filosofía. Nosotros quizá podamos adaptarte a una familia compatible que te pueda ayudar a lograr tus actividades de interés. Explicanos lo más y menos importante para tí, contestando las 1as. catorce preguntas encerrando en un círculo el # más cercano a tus expectativas.

## EXPECTATIONS, DREAMS, GOALS, NEEDS, AND DESIRES (EXPECTATIVAS, SUEÑOS, DESEOS, NECESIDADES, Y ANHELOS)

Circle best numbered answer; "X" blank lines # 7 & 14; Fill in parentheses ( ) # 13 Circle las preguntas. mejor; "X" en líneas # 7 & 14; vacías, ( ) # 13

**5 = absolute YES, (absolutamente SI)**      **4 = much, (bastante)**      **3 = maybe / somewhat,**      **2 = little,**      **1 = absolute NO**

1. To travel and see cultural & historical areas .....	5 4 3 2 1	Viajar y aprender la cultura Americana y visitar áreas históricas .....
2. To do a lot of shopping and eat out frequently .....	5 4 3 2 1	Hacer bastantes compras o comes en restaurantes con frecuencia .....
3. To go out to parties and dances at night with friends .....	5 4 3 2 1	Salir a fiestas o ir a bailar en la noche con amigos.....
4. To talk & play games at home with family & relatives .....	5 4 3 2 1	Charlar y jugar en casa con familiares o parientes.....
5. To attend professional concerts, plays, & art exhibits .....	5 4 3 2 1	Ir a conciertos musicales, juegos, exhibiciones de arte.....
6. To participate in school chorus, band, or drama productions .....	5 4 3 2 1	Participar en coros, bandas, o producciones de drama de la escuela.....
7. To join a ___sports club, or ___aerobic/dance studio .....	5 4 3 2 1	Disfrutar de ___ clubs de deportes, ___aerobicos/baile.....
8. To participate in school athletic team competitions .....	5 4 3 2 1	Participar en competencias atléticas en la escuela.....
9. To hunt, fish, hike, or camp - enjoy natural environment.....	5 4 3 2 1	El gusto de cazar, pescar, escalar, acampar - disfrutar del ambiente natural
10. To teach my host family and others about my country & language..	5 4 3 2 1	Enseñar a mi familia anfitriona y mi escuela acerca de mi país y el idioma..
11. To join student gov't, environmental or community service groups..	5 4 3 2 1	Participar en clase de gobierno, grupos de servicios y ambientales.....
12. To join school newspaper, yearbook, computer, or business clubs..	5 4 3 2 1	" en el periódico del colegio, libro del año, clubs de computación o negocios
	5 4 3 2 1	Aprender un deporte nuevo o habilidad ( Menciona cual sería... ___ ).....
	5 4 3 2 1	___ un hermano ___ o una hermana de mi edad, y ser los mejores amigos

## PHILOSOPHY, BELIEFS, PERSONAL HABITS & MANNERISMS (x) Check best answers FILOSOFIA, BENEFICIOS, HABITOS PERSONALES Y COSTUMBRES ( X ) Checa la mejor resp.

- Are you: \_\_\_Christian; \_\_\_Jew; \_\_\_Muslim; \_\_\_Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ ); \_\_\_Agnostic (unsure); \_\_\_Atheist  
Eres: (Cristiano) (Judío) (Muslim) Otro ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (Agnóstico) (Atea)
- Do you attend church: \_\_\_Weekly; \_\_\_Monthly; \_\_\_Only Holy Days; \_\_\_never  
Vas la iglesia: (semanalmente) (mensualmente) (solamente en días festivos) (nunca)
- Do you talk with God: \_\_\_Hourly; \_\_\_Daily; \_\_\_Weekly; \_\_\_rarely; \_\_\_never  
Platicas con Dios: (c/hora) (diariamente) (semanalmente) (rara vez) (nunca)
- Do you prefer to talk about: \_\_\_people & feelings; -or- \_\_\_ideas & events?  
Prefieres hablar acerca: (de personas y sentimientos) -ó- (ideas y eventos)
- Are you: \_\_\_mostly an optimist -or- are you \_\_\_mostly a pessimist?  
Eres: (mas optimista) -ó- eres (mas pesimista)
- Do you: \_\_\_express yourself easily [extroverted]; -or- do you \_\_\_keep feelings inside? [introverted]  
Te: (expresas facilmente de ti) [extrovertida] -ó- te (guardas tus propios sentimientos) [introvertida]
- Are you usually: \_\_\_a serious person; -or- are you \_\_\_a carefree person?  
Usualmente eres: (una persona seria y responsable) -ó- eres (eres despreocupado)
- Do you look for: \_\_\_a challenge; -or- do you look for \_\_\_the path of least resistance?  
Buscas: (el desafío) -ó- te dejas (llevar con poca resistencia)
- Are you: \_\_\_a morning person; -or- are you \_\_\_a night person?  
Eres: persona madrugadora; -ó- eres (persona nocturna)
- Do you prefer to: \_\_\_lead; \_\_\_follow; -or- \_\_\_observe?  
Prefieres: tomar la delantera) (seguir) -ó- (observar)
- Do you prefer: \_\_\_mental exercise; \_\_\_physical exercise; -or- \_\_\_both, equally?  
Prefieres hacer: (ejercicios mentales) (ejercicios fisicos) -ó- (los dos, iguales)
- Are you extremely uncomfortable or bothered by: \_\_\_cigarette smoke; \_\_\_animal hair; \_\_\_dust & dirt?  
Me molesta demasiado: (el olor al cigarro) (pelo de animales) (polvo y la suciedad)
- Are you very uncomfortable with: \_\_\_disorder or sloppiness; \_\_\_sickly or handicapped people; \_\_\_little kids?  
Me molesta demasiado: (desorden o descuido) (personas discapacitadas o enfermas) (niños)
- Do you enjoy the company of: \_\_\_elderly adults; \_\_\_very young children?  
Disfrutas la compañía de: (ancianos) (niños pequeños)
- Are most of your friends: \_\_\_older than you; \_\_\_the same age; \_\_\_younger?  
La mayoría de tus amigos son: (mayores que tu) (de la misma edad) (menores)



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# STUDENT ESSAY

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Typing or print in black ink, in the language of your HOST country (they don't read yours). This is a very important part of your application. It must reflect your feelings and attitudes and demonstrate your foreign language skills - not someone elses.

Families choose their student based on the kind of person they perceive you to be. We want to know your serious thoughts as much as what you do for fun. Describe yourself as a person and your relationship with your family. Don't repeat data from the first page. Describe your typical routine. Share some of your personal goals, why your wanted to be an exchange student and why you'd be a good ambassador of your country.

